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## Israeli, Syrian army chiefs meet today

HILLEL KUTTNER and ALON PINKAS

THE six-month freeze in Israeli-Syrian negotiations will undergo a partial thaw with today's meetings in Washington between the two nations' chiefs of staff.

US officials are wary of predicting any breakthroughs in the upcoming two-and-a-half days of talks between Gen. Hikmat Shihabi and Lt. Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, but believe the meetings finally herald the start of serious bargaining over Golan Heights security arrangements.

Israeli sources in the delegation to the talks said last night that "what would be an achievement here is 'if we understand from the Syrians exactly what's bothering them about our security demands' - and for them to understand exactly what our security needs are."

"If this happens, we can return from here with the beginning of understandings that will be the basis for decisions between the [military] experts from the two sides."

Following the talks here, US peace team coordinator Dennis Ross will visit the region, after which lower-level military officials will meet here in mid-July.

But the official conceded that he would be "surprised" if at the end of the talks here, the Syrians "understand our conception fully."

"It's not easy because there is great, great suspicion. I wouldn't be surprised if things I say in the talks will be understood as they are meant."

The fact that Shihabi's statements will have to be translated from Arabic, as they were during his December meeting with former chief of staff Ehud Barak, will only complicate the dialogue, he said.

The Israeli official also asserted that Israeli would press the Syrians to agree to military confidence-building measures to create a better atmosphere for ongoing talks.

Such steps would include a direct line of communications between military officials that would allow notification to be given of military exercises in the area, he said.

"The question is what and where they start. We see these as things that have to start the process, to create a reality for better dialogue with the Syrians."

The official also defended the military's neutrality in these talks, saying he doesn't "know anybody better qualified to handle these negotiations than the IDF."

Asked whether the military establishment wouldn't prefer to remain on the Golan, the source said: "Also as a citizen, I'd prefer to sit on top of the Golan. That's not the question. No one argues against the strategic advantage of the Golan. Someone who goes there once can see the Golan's dominance of the Galilee and the northern part of Lake Kinneret. That's not the issue. The question is what will be concluded for a peace treaty."

The situation in south Lebanon (Continued on Page 2)

# Sudan denies role in Mubarak attack

## Mubarak: I was cool all the time



Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak addresses a press conference yesterday on his return to Cairo after the failed assassination attempt in Addis Ababa. (Reuters)

SUDAN denied any involvement in yesterday morning's failed assassination attempt on Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, refuting his suggestion that Khartoum may have had a hand in the attack.

In a statement broadcast on state radio, Sudanese Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Ghazi Salah al-Din Atabani expressed sorrow at the attack and accused "some circles of trying to distort Sudan's image."

Gunmen opened fire on Mubarak's motorcade in the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa while he was on his way to attend an African summit. Mubarak was not hurt.

Asked on his return to Cairo if he thought the attack was carried out by a neighboring country, Mubarak said: "Do you want to say Sudan? [This] is very possible, very possible. Sudan is making a rapprochement but at the same time [Sudanese Islamist Hassan] Tourabi's front is active."

In a vivid account of his experience, Mubarak said: "I wasn't afraid at all because it was an armored car. The car windows were hit by one of the bullets, which almost went through...it had no effect at all."

"I was cool all the time. There is a God and no one is going to live longer than he was given to live," he added.

Relations between Egypt and Sudan began to deteriorate as soon as suspicions surfaced that the June 1989 coup, which brought Lt. Gen. Omar Hassan Bashir to power, may have been engineered by Tourabi's group.

Tourabi, a French-educated law professor and a seasoned politician, is viewed by Egypt and others as a central figure in an

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international Moslem movement seeking to introduce a strict Islamic system into Arab countries.

Mubarak added that he had no doubt that Sudan was involved in sponsoring militants who want to topple his government, saying that a large cache of weapons and explosives was seized earlier this week near the border between Egypt and Sudan.

Egyptian state television quoted Ethiopian officials as saying the villa used by the gunmen was rented to Sudanese nationals. Reports from Addis Ababa said the attackers, as yet unidentified, were of Arab origin. Two of them were reported killed. Two Ethiopian security agents were killed and one was wounded, an Ethiopian Foreign Ministry statement said.

Mubarak, 67, flew back to Cairo immediately after the attack, which was launched by at least five men on the road from the airport to the Organization of African Unity (OAU) summit.

Other gunmen and the driver of a van that intercepted Mubarak's three-car motorcade fled, security sources said.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa, who was in the motorcade, said there were "quite a number" of assailants but fewer than 10.

A delegate close to Egyptian officials said 12 bullets from AK-47 assault rifles hit Mubarak's car, which he brought from Egypt, but that they did not penetrate the armor.

The Palestinian ambassador, who happened to be coming out of his mission building at the time, was hit in the foot, a Palestinian spokesman in Gaza Strip said.

No one claimed responsibility for the attack, although the Vanguard of Conquest, a revival of

the Jihad group that killed Anwar Sadat in 1981 at a military parade, welcomed the attack and vowed to finish off the Egyptian leader next time.

Mubarak was sitting next to Sadat when the latter was gunned down, and was lightly wounded in the hand. Mubarak has already escaped at least two assassination plots since he succeeded Sadat, but yesterday's attack came closest to success.

The attack took place while the route taken by Mubarak's motorcade was sealed off as part of security measures in place for the OAU summit, whose main focus is insecurity in Africa.

As Mubarak's motorcade drove past the Palestinian mission, a van rammed into the car carrying Moussa, which was ahead of Mubarak's limousine.

"Two men with Kalashnikov rifles came out of the jeep in the middle of the road and opened fire on the presidential limousine," Egyptian Ambassador Said Refat, who was in the convoy, told Reuters.

"The presidential guard following in another vehicle jumped out of their car and opened fire, killing two men," he said.

Mubarak, describing the attack, recalled: "Suddenly I found a blue van blocking the road and also a man flat on the ground. A machine gun started...I can't tell you exactly what nationality they were but they didn't look like Ethiopians or blacks."

World leaders, including President Clinton, quickly condemned the assassination attempt. UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali reacted by urging a world campaign against terrorism.

Egyptian opposition parties - including the outlawed Moslem Brotherhood - also sent messages of support to Mubarak.

## Egyptians kept in the dark by government after shooting

JON IMMANUEL

WHEN news came over the radio of the assassination attempt in Addis Ababa, the honking cars creeping through the perpetually clogged traffic arteries of Cairo stopped. It was as if the heart of Egypt had stopped beating.

Yet few knew then that Egypt's president was in Addis Ababa and had been under fire. "We all thought it was [Foreign Minister] Amr Moussa," said Tawheed Magdy, a Cairo journalist.

"The Interior Ministry said only 'The Egyptian delegation was exposed to attack.' It did not mention the president," he said.

That was the first piece of disinformation. If the purpose was to save the feelings of the Egyptian people it failed. When President Hosni Mubarak returned to Cairo, Egyptian TV did not broadcast his reception. Instead it broadcast the radio report with a still picture giving people the

impression that Mubarak must have been badly wounded and did not wish to be seen.

The purpose of the disinformation may have been to confuse the enemy. Was the attempted assassination meant to launch an attempted coup by Islamic fundamentalists? While ordinary Egyptians were still unsure what had happened, security guards from the Defense Ministry were rushing to reinforce the protection of all the major buildings.

For hours, the seven Egyptian TV channels which regularly broadcast gave little news and carried the identical program of patriotic songs, Magdy said. Mubarak even gave a press conference in English before he gave one in Arabic, so foreigners understood the situation more clearly than Egyptians.

"We all began to think of the future. We were not optimistic thinking that maybe the religious movement was in full flow. But I think now Mubarak will be able to do more than he has done to suppress the extremists," said Magdy, who heads the Israel desk on *Rose el-Yusef*, one of two main political periodicals.

"Most of the extremists have moved south and most of the police have followed them. Nobody has taken responsibility for the attack yet," said Magdy.

Those Islamists left in Cairo, the Moslem Brotherhood, went to the airport and greeted Mubarak on his return from his lucky escape in Addis. They share the extremists' aims, but not their methods. It seemed, noted Magdy, they were among the first to know that Mubarak had been attacked.

## Israel softens stand on Jordan trade pact

JOSE ROSENFELD

ISRAEL and Jordan could sign a trade agreement within two or three months. Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish said yesterday, after dropping demands for the kingdom's commitment to future free trade.

Harish, who met with Jordanian Trade Minister Ali Abu El-Ragheb yesterday afternoon at the Dead Sea Spa Hotel in Jordan, said the concession was driven by the need "to encourage economic growth among the Jordanians so that they can feel the fruits of peace as soon as

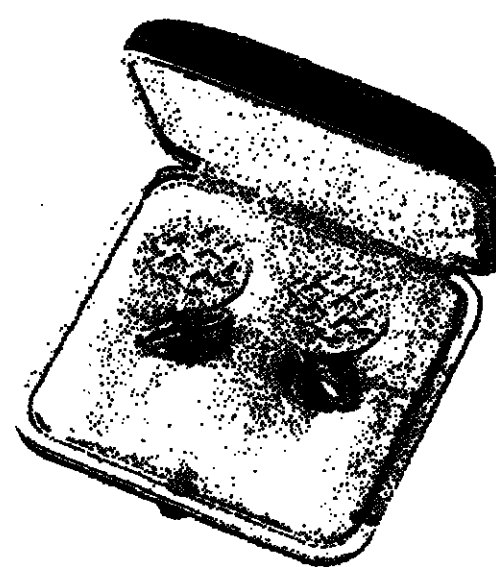
possible."

"We compromised to ease the [Jordanian government's] parliamentary fight to repeal the kingdom's boycott laws," he added. Although the peace agreement with Jordan refers to concluding negotiations on free trade between the two countries, the Jordanians backed out of that commitment. Negotiators had agreed in principle to conclude a free trade agreement within three years that would eliminate all du-

ties between the countries within 12 years, as part of a most favored nation (MFN) trade agreement.

Up until yesterday, Israel claimed that should the kingdom stand fast on its refusal, the countries would have to renegotiate the treaty since Jordan was accorded more favorable terms based on its commitment to move to a free trade agreement. Once that commitment would be removed, Israel claimed, the rationale for better terms would be (Continued on Page 2)

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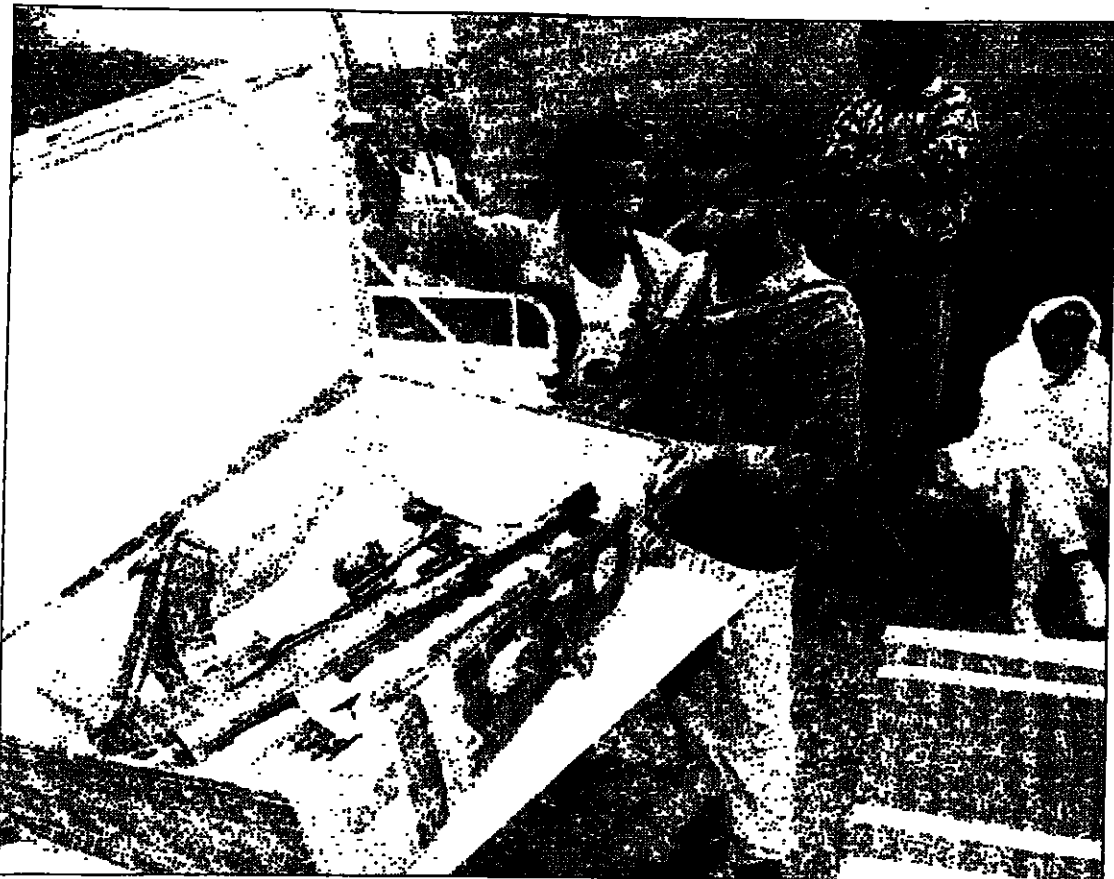
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Ethiopian policemen inspect a rocket-propelled grenade found in a house a few meters from where Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was ambushed in Addis Ababa yesterday. (AP)

## Rabin: Fundamentalism is the threat – not Syria

ISLAMIC extremists like those behind yesterday's assassination attempt on Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak are the greatest threat to world peace, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday.

"This is additional proof that the real threat to world stability is the Islamic terror wave – not Syria, not the PLO and not Lebanon," Rabin told the Labor faction at its weekly meeting. "Even if it doesn't suit [Labor MK Avigdor] Kahalani."

Kahalani is a leading member of the movement trying to prevent withdrawal from the Golan Heights. Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres both sent messages to Mubarak after the attack. Rabin phoned Mubarak from the Knesset and called the attack "despicable."

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"To counter [the Islamic extremists], a wide international and Middle Eastern front should be established, against the enemies of peace, tranquility and stability who are first and foremost the Islamic fundamentalists backed by Iran," Rabin said.

"The Islamic extremists in Iran and the Hizbullah in Lebanon are trying to bring down any regime which has or is trying to reach peace with Israel," Rabin added.

He attacked Kahalani and the opposition as being "anachronistic" for believing that Syria is still a serious threat.

"They live for yesterday not for today and tomorrow," Rabin said.

Rabin told the faction that Sunday's failed terror attack in Gush Katif was also an attempt to

sabotage peace and praised the Palestinian Police for arresting Hamas leaders.

Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu sent a telegram to Mubarak, calling the attack "shocking" and saying it exposes the danger of militant extremists.

President Ezer Weizman was the first foreign leader to call Mubarak after the Egyptian president's return to Cairo from Addis Ababa.

Mubarak gave Weizman details of the attempted assassination and thanked him for his speedy call.

"I am delighted to hear your voice. Take care of yourself," Weizman told Mubarak. "We followed the incident from here with great concern and are happy that it ended well."

Batsheva Tsor contributed to this report.

## Strike in the battle for Islam

BACKGROUND  
RIVKA YADLIN

THE attempt on Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's life did not come as a surprise, given the realities of today's Egypt.

Indeed, the Egyptian government has been engaged in an ongoing, violent battle with Islamic extremists, who have escalated their attacks against the security forces, high-ranking government personalities, and Western tourists in bid to establish a religious regime.

Mubarak's regime has engaged in gun battles with Islamic militants, ravaged villages, stormed mosques and suspect neighborhoods and made mass arrests to curb the rise of the fundamentalists.

Other measures have included transferring the trials of Islamic militants to military courts, which have passed swift sentences, including scores of executions.

In addition, emergency laws were extended, political freedom in local government was curtailed to prevent to prevent the election of extremist village heads, and control was tightened over elections in professional associations to curtail the encroaching dominance of the Islamists.

Recently, Mubarak turned against the so-far tolerated and legally active Moslem Brotherhood, charging them with cooperation with and responsibility for terrorist activities.

Yesterday's attack was not the first attempt on Mubarak's life. But it was not a sheer act of terror. Rather, it is couched in an evolving cultural background. While battling Islamic political

opposition, the government is also engaged in a cultural tug-of-war over the title of the true representative of Islam.

Within this general atmosphere, two relevant perspectives have evolved and shifted to the center of public debate: The legitimacy of unofficial personalities declaring individuals apostates, and the legitimacy of having individuals not related to the government executing apostates.

The idea of *takfir*, pronouncing as an infidel a Moslem leader who does not abide by the Moslem law, or does not undertake to apply it, was first operative in clandestine marginal organizations in the Seventies, such as *al-Takfir wal-Hijra*, but recently has become part of mainstream public discourse.

Last year, a brilliant lecturer at Cairo University was refused promotion on the grounds that his academic writing indicated apostasy. Even though the academic rejection was reversed a year later, a court of appeals ruled this month that since he is an apostate, his marriage to his Moslem wife is no longer valid.

Following the murder of journalist Faraj Fouda in 1992, the differences of opinion between Al-Azhar, Egypt's highest religious institution, and the widely accepted Sheikh Mohammed Ghazali, had to do only with the nature of the executioner: While Al-Azhar maintained that the authority to execute rests with the state, the sheikh basically ruled that any individual may undertake an apostate's execution if the regime does not.

The two rulings were taken up by the press and a public debate raged, with the majority of the public seeming to side with Ghazali.

In recent days, Islamic activists, taking the issue one step further, made public their intention to file lawsuits on charges of apostasy against scores of intellectuals and government ministers, including Foreign Minister Amr Moussa and Information Minister Safwat Sharif.

The attempt on Mubarak's life is thus not an oddity, nor is it the most vital issue. The real war in Egypt is being waged over the position of Islam.

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## NEWS

# Barak: Peace process tests IDF's integrity

ALON PINKAS

THE peace process and the IDF's involvement in various negotiations has put the integrity of the army's commanders to a demanding test, former chief of general staff, Ehud Barak said yesterday. Barak was speaking at a Tel Aviv University conference on "Obey-

ing Orders in a Democratic Setting."

Making his first public remarks about the peace process since retiring from active duty in December, Barak said that the IDF can

not have a substantive or normative position regarding the process.

But because it has responsibility for security, he said, "The IDF has a duty to elaborate and expand on

security implications of any possible decision and clarify them to the political echelons."

However, he cautioned: "The military leadership must not dictate a political course of action under the cloak of security considerations."

## PA police arrest 25 Hamas men

JON IMMANUEL

Muhsin Abu Eita, a younger Hamas leader.

Abu Eita was arrested at 3 a.m. in his house by police who took him away in a jeep, his mother said.

She said there was no resistance, and the police did not break anything or search for anything.

The arrests came after Izzadin Kassam, the armed wing of Hamas, distributed a statement saying it was responsible for the attack in Khan Yunis. The driver of the car was killed, but there were no other casualties.

The Palestinian Authority and Hamas had reached an understanding after the Kfar Darom-Netzarim attacks on April 9 that Hamas would order an end to attacks in Gaza and the police would stop arresting Hamas members.

PA Planning Minister Nabil Shaath told reporters yesterday, "the leaders of Hamas have, I think, received a very clear message."

The donkey cart attack was originally thought to have been the work of Islamic Jihad in response to the death of activist Mohammed Hawaja, who was gunned down last week.

## Third shooting victim from Nablus march dies

JON IMMANUEL

IMAD Ramadan, an An-Najah University student shot in the head during the army's dispersal of a Nablus march on Sunday, died yesterday of his wounds.

He was the third fatality from the march, held in support of Palestinian security prisoners. Ramadan, 23, was killed by a high-velocity bullet that produced many fragments, which would not have occurred with a rubber or plastic bullet, according to doctors at Mokassed Hospital, where he died yesterday afternoon.

The Nablus-area commander, speaking on Israel Television's Arabic service, expressed regret for the fatalities, but added that he had warned the organizers beforehand that radical elements would try to disrupt the peaceful demonstration. Nablus observed the first day of a

two-day commercial strike yesterday. Other Palestinian towns are to observe a strike today in solidarity with the 5,600 prisoners.

Today's strike was announced in a leaflet circulated Sunday by the recently-formed "Unified National Committee in Support of the Prisoners." According to *Yediot Aharonot*, the leaflet announced other protest activities to take place this week, including the raising of black flags, the writing of graffiti, the blocking of roads leading to settlements and a protest march after Friday prayers.

In Jericho last night, two Israelis were lightly hurt by bricks thrown at their car during riots in the city. One of the two fired in the air, it was reported. They were treated at a army checkpoint and taken to a Jerusalem hospital.

## 3rd infiltrator surrenders in Marj-Naja

ALON PINKAS

THE third infiltrator who crossed from Jordan on Saturday surrendered yesterday to General Security Service agents and IDF soldiers in the Marj-Naja Beduin village, in the Jordan Valley.

Security forces had launched a manhunt for the third man, after one was captured near Moshav Argaman and another killed during a short chase.

It was believed that the infiltrator had either crossed back to Jordan or was hiding in one of the area villages, which were thoroughly searched yesterday.

The infiltrator, whose identity was not disclosed, is being interrogated. All three are believed to be Islamic Jihad activists who were headed to Hebron.

## CHIEFS

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non, Hizbullah's Katyusha attacks on northern settlements, and Israel's demands for adhering to the understandings reached after Operation Accountability will be raised at the meeting. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told the Labor faction yesterday.

Rabin said that after sending a message to the Syrians via the US about enforcing the understandings reached after Operation Accountability in 1993 – which include that civilians will not be attacked – he was told that the understandings are in force. "I told the US we will judge [this] by deeds, not by words," Rabin said.

The Barak-Shihabi talks in December were acknowledged to be a failure. Israeli Ambassador to the US Itamar Rabinovich and Syrian Ambassador Walid Muallem have met since then, together with US officials. Both ambassadors will participate in this week's military meetings.

The US peace team, led by Ross, will participate in the talks, as will Gen. Daniel Christman, who has accompanied Ross and Christopher on their recent trips to the region and who has visited the Syrian side of the Golan.

As of now, there will be no public dimension to the talks. Israeli officials said recently that the two sides had agreed to pose for photographs, but apparently the Syrians have changed their minds, and only a White House photographer will be present when President Clinton hosts the delegations Thursday. The US official said that "at this moment, I do not anticipate a public event."

A second US official said that for Israel, the Palestinian track is now an eminently greater priority than the Syrian talks because Rabin must muster "every ounce of his creativity" to implement any redeployment agreement.

Consequently, that is likely to hold up Syrian President Hafez Assad, who realizes Rabin's difficulty in progressing meaningfully on two tracks at once, the official said.

Liav Collins contributed to this report.

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

"The Boys" – Tony, Douglas and Peter, with their parents, Michael and Adele King, much joy on their 60th (Diamond) wedding anniversary, July 2, 1995.

## Olmert waits on Orient House

BILL HUTMAN

JERUSALEM Mayor Ehud Olmert may have publicly declared he would order Orient House shut down "in the coming days," but sources close to the mayor made clear yesterday this would mean next week at the earliest.

"This is a complicated issue. It took (attorney Dan) Avi-Yitzhak several months to put together a legal opinion, and now the city's legal adviser must be given some time," one source said.

The sources said the mayor does not expect to receive the opinion of the city's legal adviser until the end of the week on whether City Hall could shut down the PLO headquarters.

Olmert would take several days to

consider that opinion, and consult other legal and political advisers before making a final decision.

On Sunday, the mayor stated that "in the coming days" he would take advantage of the apparent violation of the zoning code by PLO officials to order Orient House closed.

Meanwhile, the mayor lashed out at the government yesterday during a meeting of the interministerial committee for Arab construction in eastern Jerusalem, saying it was not doing enough to ease the housing shortage for Arab residents.

The committee decided the city and Housing Ministry would come up with specific plans for Arab development, which would be presented at the upcoming meeting in two weeks.

## Golan and Galilee residents plan mass protest

DAVID RUDGE

RESIDENTS of the Golan Heights and parts of the Galilee plan to stage a mass demonstration in the north this evening as part of the ongoing opposition to any form of withdrawal from the region.

The protest, which has been licensed by police, has been timed to coincide with the resumption of talks at the chiefs of staff level between Israel and Syria in Washington.

The demonstration planned for the Golan Heights starting at 6 p.m. is being jointly organized by the Golan Heights Residents Committee and a newly-formed body known as Galilee Residents for the Golan.

Meanwhile, Likud party leaders are due to hold a demonstration of their own in the Safed region this morning to highlight Syria's reported demands to have an early warning station in the area as part of security arrangements between the two countries.

## JORDAN

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gone, opening the country to demands from other trading partners for the same treatment.

Harish said he explained to Ragheb the risk Israel was taking by agreeing to the terms of the draft trade pact, without the commitment for free trade.

However, Harish noted that "our safeguard is that the agreement is a preliminary stage of a more extensive agreement in three years."

The two agreed that in three years tariff reductions will be increased. In the interim, the sides agreed to set up a joint staff that will look into the impact of a free trade agreement on Jordan, aimed at assuaging the kingdom's fears of such a pact.

The countries' negotiating teams will meet Thursday in Ellat to complete the final draft of the pact. The draft agreement provides Jordanian products with tariff reductions of up to 50 percent, while a limited list of Israeli products are entitled to a 10% decrease in duties.

Immediately after signing the trade pact, Israel is proposing to work out a cooperative program with Jordan to jointly market goods to third countries, as well as to ease trade with the Palestinians, Harish said.

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## Concerns surface over altering Law of Return

Liat Collins

ALTERING the Law of Return could have far-reaching implications such as reawakening the "Who's a Jew" question and Arab demands for a law which would apply to them too, the Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee heard yesterday.

The discussion focused on the clause added in 1970 which allows for a non-Jewish grandchild of a Jew to immigrate with full rights.

The meeting was attended by Acting Interior Minister David Liba'i and Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban.

Several MKs from religious parties submitted bills to change the law.

Committee Chairman Emmanuel Zissman said a change in the clause would have little impact on the number of non-Jews immigrating, since these grandchildren make up only 2 percent of non-Jewish immigrants. However, the law allows these grandchildren to bring all their relatives to Israel. Tzaban noted that in some cases this applied to families with nearly 100 members.

Zissman noted that MK Taleb a-Sanaa (Arab Democratic Party) had asked to replace the Law of Return with a law applying to Jews and Arabs.

Liba'i noted the various ministries and organizations involved in the issue had different opinions on the subject and the government has not yet formed its opinion.

"The whole question of citizenship is at issue here," Liba'i said. "In any attempt to change the Law of Return, care should be taken not to create a cultural and civil war. A dispute shouldn't be created unless it's impossible to live with the current law."

Liba'i noted the law was created in 1950 against the background of the Holocaust.

"Who could have guessed then that now life as a Jew would be so attractive that people in different countries would go to great efforts to become one?" he asked. He mentioned the problem of fictitious marriages and false documents.

"Reopening discussion on the law, on even the smallest technical clause will evoke a public discussion way beyond the parliament," Tzaban said.

He said families might be separated if the clause was rescinded, and noted the number of intermarried couples immigrating had dropped from 15.4% in 1993 to 10% last year.

"Would you tell me that it would be better for fewer mixed couples to come?" he said.

Tzaban suggested taking the matter to the High Court "to examine the legislators' intentions."

# Bodies of two Israelis recovered from sunken ship

TWO bodies recovered from the East China Sea near the site of the sinking of the *Mineral Dampier* have been identified as Israeli members of the 27-man crew of the ill-fated vessel.

The two victims are wireless operator Uri Berger, 59, of Haifa, and leading seaman Moshe Kol, 52, of Kiryat Motzkin. The families of the two seamen have been informed and Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar conveyed his condolences.

The bodies were identified by Capt. Danny Cohen who was sent to South Korea by the Transport Ministry's Shipping and Ports Administration (SPA) to assist in the search operations and begin investigating the disaster.

SPA officials said Japan and South Korea had responded to appeals from the government and agreed to continue search operations with planes and ships for the next two days.

The Liberian-registered *Mineral Dampier* sank last Thursday after it was struck in thick fog by a South Korean vessel, the *Hanjin Madras*, which was damaged but remained afloat.

The two bodies, the only ones to be recovered from the site so far, were discovered on Friday and brought ashore where they were later identified by Cohen.

The remainder of the ship's crew — seven other Israelis including the captain of the vessel Philippe Eyron, 53, from Eilat, 10 Filipinos, five Romanians and three Belgians — are all still missing and feared dead.

The government has approved the immediate dispatch of a team of Israeli divers from the Oceanic underwater salvage firm to the site of the disaster.

The firm is already making preparations for the expedition and it is hoped the first dives to the sunken vessel will take place within a week.

The prime task of the divers will be to locate and recover as many of the missing seamen as possible so they can be identified and returned to their countries of origin.

The underwater experts will also be expected to thoroughly examine the wreck, which is lying on the sea bed around 80 meters below the surface, and to assist in the inquiries by the Transport Ministry and the South Korean authorities into all the circumstances of the disaster.

One of their main objectives will be to try to recover intact the ships log as well as a machine, similar to an aircraft's "black box" which would automatically have recorded details of the *Mineral Dampier's* movements, such as any change in direction or speed.

Such information, as well as the precise location of where the iron-ore carrying vessel was struck by the South Korean ship, is likely to play an important role in piecing together the events that led up to and caused the tragedy.

## Prisoners are held too long in lockups

Evelyn Gordon

MANY of those suffering in police lockups should really be in prison instead, members of the Knesset Law Committee found during a visit to five lockups last Sunday.

The worst case was in Rehovot, where 40 of the 46 prisoners should have been in a prison instead. One person had been in the lockup 11 months while awaiting trial for car theft.

"This isn't just a transition period — and it's worrying," said Dan Meridor (Likud).

In theory, anyone who has either been sentenced or who has been remanded until his trial is supposed to be in a prison, because prison conditions are better than those of lockups.

In three of the five lockups examined — Kfar Sava, Ramle and Rishon LeZion — prisoners were never even let out for exercise, because there was no courtyard. This is tolerable for two or three days, the MKs noted, but not for periods of several months — which is why long-term prisoners are supposed to be in prisons.

However, said committee chairman Dedi Zucker (Meretz), there are about 1,000 such people who are in lockups instead.

Zucker also scored the crowdedness of the lockups. Each prisoner has an average of 1.5-3 sq.m. — and sometimes, additional people are put on mattresses on the floor, he said.

In Rehovot, for instance, there were 46 people, even though the lockup is only supposed to hold 39.

"This is crowding on the level of the Third World," Zucker said.

Other problems noted by Zucker were that some cells do not even have vents, making them stifling in the summer, and that in two of the five lockups, there are not even curtains to provide privacy in the doorless bathroom stalls.

Zucker said he is aware that some of these problems, such as reducing overcrowding, would be costly to solve. However, he said, the committee will suggest that police make a number of smaller changes, which, though not very costly, could significantly improve the quality of life in lockups.

These changes include putting vents in all the cells, putting curtains over the bathroom doors, and painting the bathrooms.



Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss extends his warmest greetings to the president of the Norwegian Parliament, Ms. Kirsti Kollie Gyondahl, as she arrives at the Knesset yesterday. Gyondahl is here as Weiss's guest. (Isaac Harari)

## Degel Hatorah agrees to change constitution

Evelyn Gordon

DEGEL Hatorah has agreed to make a number of changes in its constitution in response to a request for permission to appeal to the Supreme Court against its status as a party.

The request was filed by attorney Yitzhak Aviram, who charged that the party registrar should never have recognized Degel as a party, because its constitution does not meet the minimal legal requirements.

Following the request, the registrar changed his mind, and said the earlier decision to recognize Degel was mistaken.

Degel argued that the registrar has no right to change his mind on such an issue at such a late date.

However, at the Supreme Court's suggestion, the party and Aviram agreed last Friday on certain changes to Degel's constitution,

which, Aviram agreed, would meet the law's requirements. If the registrar accepts these changes, this will make a ruling on the propriety of its initial decision unnecessary.

Justices Meir Shamgar, Eliezer Goldberg and Michael Cheshin, to whom the sides presented the changes yesterday, asked the registrar to decide whether to approve them within seven to 10 days.

The changes include setting up an internal audit committee, which in Degel's case will be a committee of rabbis; authorizing the Council of Torah Sages to set up a party court, which will rule on party disputes according to religious law; stating explicitly that the Council of Torah Sages is the party's supreme institution; and defining who the party's members are.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Strike to disrupt emergency rooms

Emergency room service at all government hospitals will be disrupted today between 10 a.m. and noon due to sanctions by personnel. Kupat Holim Clalit Hospitals and voluntary hospitals such as Hadassah-University Hospitals will not be affected. Union chief Batya Levy says the Health Ministry is not carrying out decisions of the Padeh Committee for granting professional advancement. *Judy Siegel*

### Warning about Lahit 2000 soda

Twenty-three fifth- and sixth-graders in Kfar Merar near Tiberias felt ill yesterday after drinking cans of Lahit 2000 cola and orange soda produced by the Northern Beverage Company in Kiryat Ata. The Health Ministry warned against drinking these beverages with last date of sale marked 6/6/96 for the cola and 28/4/96 for the orange drink. The 330 ml. cans bear the serial number 2-747017; the orange drink cans are marked 2-747031. *Judy Siegel*

### Bagrut to be free in two years

As of 1997, pupils will no longer pay for taking bagrut exams, Education Ministry Director-General Shimon Shoshani said yesterday. He told the Knesset's Education Committee that pupils would pay meanwhile only for the exams they effectively wrote, and not for all the subjects studied. *Batsheva Tsur*

### Minnelli cancels July concerts

Liza Minnelli, who was to give three concerts here in July, yesterday postponed her performances until later in the year.

## Ban on trucks with loads of dangerous cargo

Haim Shapiro

THE Transport Ministry is to ban trucks carrying dangerous materials from main arteries and the entrances to Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and Haifa, the ministry announced yesterday.

The ban, beginning on September 1, is to be from 6:30 to 9:30 a.m., on specified routes including Highway 1 from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv.

In the greater Tel Aviv area, the ban includes from the Ra'anana-Kfar Sava Junction to Ashdod, and from the Rishon LeZion Junction to Netanya, including the Geha Highway. The ban also extends along the Petah Tikva-Tel Aviv Highway on the section from Tzrifim to Tel Aviv, from the Giliot to the Yarkon Junction, from the North Netanya Interchange to the Rishon LeZion Interchange, and from the Tayasim Junction to Tel Aviv.

The Haifa-area ban encompasses from the Ailat interchange to Haifa, from the Ein Afek Junction to Tirat Hacarmel, from the Krayot Junction to Yagur and from the Kishon Junction to the Yagur Junction. The Jerusalem-area ban extends from the Adumim Junction to Tel Aviv and from A-Ram on the road to Ramallah to the Rachel's Tomb Junction in Bethlehem.

## State comptroller wants parties fined over local elections

Herb Keinon

THE state comptroller yesterday recommended fines for improper bookkeeping and financial irregularities be imposed on three of 15 parties that contested local elections in four settlements in the territories last year.

Ma'aleh Adumim's Kahol Velavan party, which won the elections in the settlement, was fined NIS 21,000 due from the state because of financial irregularities, faulty bookkeeping and not turning its books over to the State Comptroller on time.

The comptroller found that the list, headed by Ma'aleh Adumim Mayor Benny Kashriel, "was not strict in its bookkeeping," and that it spent more than the campaign limit. Two lists in Emmanuel — Ki Emmanuel and the Central List — were fined under NIS 1,500 each for faulty bookkeeping and for being late in presenting their books to the State Comptroller.

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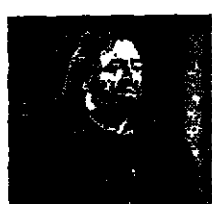
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## Key events in the UN's history

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter) - Following are some key events in the history of the United Nations.

- Oct. 24, 1945 - Charter enters into force and UN established.
- Jan. 10, 1946 - First General Assembly session, with membership of 51 countries.
- Feb. 1, 1946 - Trygve Lie of Norway becomes first UN Secretary-General.
- Dec. 10, 1948 - General Assembly adopts Declaration of Human Rights.
- June 27, 1950 - Security Council, boycotted by Soviet Union, calls on UN members to help South Korea repel invasion by North.
- Sept. 18, 1961 - Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld of Sweden dies in air crash in Congo.
- Nov. 12, 1974 - South Africa suspended from General Assembly because of its racial policies.
- Nov. 10, 1975 - General Assembly, in one of its most shameful actions, adopts resolution calling Zionism a form of racism.
- Nov. 25, 1981 - General Assembly adopts Declaration on Elimination of All forms of Intolerance and Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief.
- Dec. 10, 1982 - UN Convention on the Law of the Sea opened for signature at Montego Bay, Jamaica.
- Sept. 30, 1990 - UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) convenes World Summit for Children, attended by more than 70 heads of state or government.
- Dec. 16, 1991 - General Assembly revokes 1975 resolution declaring Zionism a form of racism.
- Jan. 31, 1992 - Security Council holds first meeting attended by heads of state or government.
- June 1992 - UN Conference on Environment and Development, or "Earth Summit," held in Rio de Janeiro.
- June 23, 1994 - South Africa regains its General Assembly seat after holding its first non-racial elections.
- Dec. 15, 1994 - UN membership reaches 185 with entry of Pacific island nation of Palau.
- June 26, 1995 - United Nations marks 50th anniversary of signing of UN Charter.



US President Harry S. Truman witnesses the signing of the UNCIO charter for world peace by US delegation chairman Edward Stettinius in San Francisco on June 26, 1945. (Reuter)

## UN faces Bosnia criticism as it marks 50th birthday

News agencies

SAN FRANCISCO - The United Nations celebrated its 50th anniversary but praise of its achievements was tempered by criticism of its Bosnia stance and reminders of its parlous finances.

UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Polish President Lech Walesa and Britain's Princess Margaret were among the guests of honor at an interfaith service at San Francisco's Grace Cathedral marking the anniversary of the signing of the UN Charter in 1945.

"The United Nations in its 50 years has spared the world untold suffering. Wars have been prevented. Peace has been built by diplomacy and courage," Boutros-Ghali told a congregation that also included Nobel Peace laureates Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa and Betty Williams of Northern Ireland.

Celebrations were set to culminate yesterday, anniversary of the June 26, 1945, signing, with a ceremony attended by Boutros-Ghali, President Bill Clinton and more than 150 ambassadors to the United Nations.

Against the frustrating backdrop of bloodshed in Bosnia, President Clinton marked the anniversary of the United Nations by

trying to spotlight the successes of an organization that is nonetheless in need of reform.

"It's important not to define the UN solely in terms of Bosnia," Clinton said in a weekend newspaper interview looking ahead to the anniversary festivities.

He pointed to the restoration of democracy in Haiti and the multinational sanctions on Iraq as cases in which the UN framework has served the world well.

Stopping himself after starting to say that the United Nations should "clean up" its act, Clinton acknowledged the organization needs to be run better, particularly its peacekeeping operations.

"I don't want to imply that there's anything unsavory about it, but it's just that the operation... really needs to be streamlined and reformed in order to inspire confidence in all the member nations," Clinton said in an interview with the *San Francisco Chronicle*. A text of the interview was released by the White House.

Clinton was marking the UN's anniversary in a ceremony at the War Memorial Opera House where President Truman witnessed the signing of the UN

Charter.

Clinton's support for the United Nations at times has been less than enthusiastic. A few weeks ago, he told senior citizens in New Hampshire that "sometimes as bad and as ragged as it is, the UN is better than nothing."

He offered a similar message - albeit in more polished form - in his interview.

The United Nations is "far better than the alternative, better than what we went through in the Cold War and better than having an American isolationism," he told the *Chronicle*.

Asked about Republican sentiment in Congress in favor of reducing US contributions to the United Nations, Clinton complained that some critics "want it both ways. They want to be able to run the world and tell everybody exactly how to behave, and then not have to cooperate with anybody when they have a slight difference of opinion from us."

As a case in point he cited Bosnia, where the Europeans are supplying ground troops for the peacekeeping operation and Republicans are balking at helping finance an expansion of the force. "We can't have it both ways," Clinton said. "We can't become an isolationist country and we can't dictate every other country's course... It's better for us to be a leader within the framework of the United Nations."

The United States is the largest contributor to UN operations, supplying one-fourth of its general budget and one-third of peacekeeping costs.

Clinton defended that investment as a smart way to avoid problems the United States might otherwise have to tackle alone. But he said the United States was looking for ways to cut costs and make UN operations more cost-effective and efficient.

One goal is to avoid "any kind of mixed signals and crossed lines that have sometimes happened in the past," Clinton said.

Clinton's visit to San Francisco is part of a six-day trip that ends today with an economic conference in Portland, Ore. Before leaving San Francisco, the president planned to meet separately with UN Secretary-General Boutros-Ghali and Polish President Lech Walesa, who was in town for the UN ceremonies.

Walesa has been criticized for his delay in commenting on an antisemitic sermon delivered in his presence. The senior US official denied reports that Clinton agreed to meet Walesa only if they discussed antisemitism.

Praise of UN achievements was tempered by criticism of its Bosnia stance where the world body has been unable to stop conflict between Serbs and Muslims.

US Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan said the United Nations faced a critical test in Bosnia.

"If genocide against the Muslims in Bosnia is allowed to go forward I don't think the United Nations will be here in 25 years," Moynihan told reporters after taking part in a forum on reforms to the United Nations.

Boutros-Ghali defended the United Nations' Bosnia policy saying the United Nations was its member states.

"If they are not able to work together the UN can do nothing. And in the case of Bosnia they are not able to work together," he said in an interview with the *San Francisco Examiner*.

## Taiwan offers UN \$1b. for membership

JOYCE LIU  
TAIPEI

TAIWAN began its most aggressive drive yet to end its outcast status yesterday, offering the cash-strapped United Nations US\$1 billion if the world body agrees to give it membership.

In a move timed to coincide with the UN's anniversary celebrations, Taiwan said the money would be paid into a fund to help developing nations.

"If we can join the United Nations, the Republic of China (Taiwan) would like to donate 0.44 percent of its gross national product. That is one billion US dollars," Deputy Foreign Minister Fang Chia-yeu told reporters.

He added that Taiwan Foreign Minister Fredrick Chien had sent a letter yesterday to all the foreign ministers of UN member countries, except Mongolia and China, requesting support for Taiwan's bid to gain a UN seat.

The same letter was also sent to UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, due to speak in San Francisco yesterday.

Taiwan lost its UN seat in 1971 to China, which views the island as a renegade province and strives to limit its membership in international forums.

Taiwan resists China's efforts to isolate it and joining the UN is a top priority in its drive to gain a higher profile on the world stage.

Fang made it clear Taiwan would not try to usurp China's UN seat but wanted its own separate membership.

The initiative comes soon after a major diplomatic victory for Taiwan this month when Lee Teng-hui became Taiwan's first president to visit the United States, despite protests from China.

China, a UN Security Council permanent member, has vowed to prevent Taiwan gaining a UN seat. The two rivals split after the Chinese civil war ended in 1949.

Fang dismissed a suggestion by Boutros-Ghali that Beijing and Taipei find a solution to the UN issue through negotiations.

"This suggestion is not totally correct because at present China has repeatedly denied we are a political entity and suppresses us internationally. We think the time for negotiations is not mature yet," Fang said.

He said the billion-dollar offer was dependent on approval from Taiwan's parliament. He added that the details of how the money would be raised were not yet worked out.

Earlier yesterday, President Lee said in a statement that Taiwan's exclusion from the United Nations was "unjust" and against the UN charter.

He added that the island's US\$100 billion in foreign-currency reserves, plus its position as the world's sixth largest outward investor would make Taiwan a worthy UN member at a time when the body was short of cash.

"If she can participate fully in the activities of the UN and other international organizations, the ROC with her ample capital, expertise and experience will be able to assist further in the development of other countries through the UN and its related development programs," Lee said.

He argued that if North and South Korea could concurrently hold seats then Taiwan should not be barred from membership. (Reuter)

## Nobel prize winners call for end to US arms sales

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuter) - Four Nobel Peace Laureates yesterday called on the United Nations to do a better job fighting hunger and disease, but made their strongest plea to the United States to stop trafficking in arms.

"There are some things that are morally unacceptable," said Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who won the peace prize in 1984 for his struggle for human rights in South Africa.

Oscar Arias Sanchez, former president of Costa Rica who won the prize in 1987, said the United States is responsible for 75 percent of the conventional weapons sold to developing countries and if America wanted to exercise leadership it should address this issue first.

Arias, Tutu, Polish President Lech Walesa and Betty Williams of Northern Ireland were in San Francisco to present a letter to the UN applauding the work of the world body on its fiftieth anniversary.

The group's letter, signed by seven other peace prize winners also made a passionate plea on behalf of Nobel Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, who has been held in solitary detention in Myanmar, formerly Burma, for six years.

The group's letter was also signed by Elie Wiesel, Mikhail Gorbachev, Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin, and sought an end to what it called the degradation of the environment.

Meanwhile, a senior UN official yesterday denied the organization had censored a quotation by Tibet's exiled Dalai Lama from a book commemorating the UN anniversary.

Several freelance writers have accused the United Nations of censoring the book *A Vision of Hope*, due to be published in July, the *Washington Post* reported in its editions yesterday.

The book, commissioned by the United Nations, contains 15 chapters, each by a different author, about aspects of the UN's work.

The writers were particularly incensed by the omission of a quotation by the Dalai Lama, the exiled Tibetan leader, from a chapter about human rights.

The *Washington Post* report said the cut was apparently motivated by a fear of offending China.

Gillian Sorensen, a UN official overseeing celebrations, denied the omission of the Dalai Lama quotation was censorship and described the controversy over the book as a "tempest in a teapot."

She said author Richard Roach had included a quotation by the Dalai Lama in the last revision of his article.

The editors asked Roach to substitute another quotation because they were on deadline and "didn't want a new discussion or raise another controversy," she said.

Sorensen said she was proud of the book and stood by the editing.

The *Washington Post* quoted the editor of the book, British journalist Jonathan Power, as saying that UN officials made at least 70 cuts, deleting the names of the countries that the UN itself had implicated in human rights violations.

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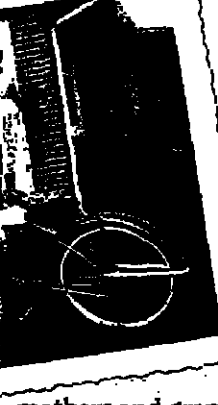
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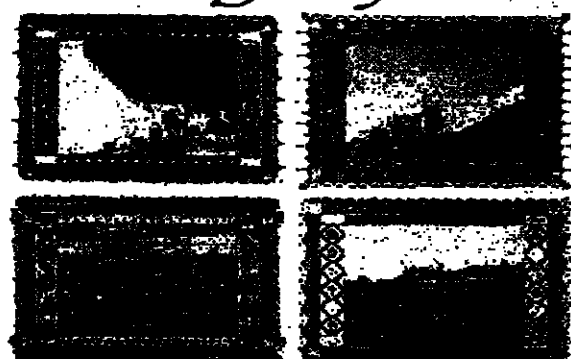


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## Redwood challenge hurts Major's reelection chances

LONDON (Reuters) - British Prime Minister John Major's chances of holding on to power were badly damaged yesterday when a right-wing minister quit his cabinet to challenge him for the leadership of the ruling Conservative party.

Ending four days of speculation, John Redwood told a chaotic news conference he had phoned Major to say he was resigning as Welsh Secretary and was now entering the leadership contest.

Redwood said he had been motivated by Major's dramatic challenge to critics last Thursday to "put up or shut up".

Major quit as leader to precipitate a ballot which he hoped would silence constant barracking from Conservative anti-Europeans and unite the party behind him and his policies.

Redwood said he had been "devastated" to learn from a cabinet colleague of Major's all-or-nothing challenge.

Major had not even hinted of his plans during a conversation with Redwood, politically close to former prime minister Margaret Thatcher and unhappy about closer links with Europe, 24 hours earlier, he said.

Denying he had been behind any of the right-wing sniping at Major in House of Commons corridors, Redwood said: "Your decision to resign leaves our party in limbo when it needs firm but understanding leadership. It makes a contest inevitable."

Major, who remains prime minister and would pass on the job only if he lost the party leadership, left for a European Union summit in Cannes yesterday, triggering memories of the 1990 party contest in which he replaced Thatcher.

After winning more votes in the first ballot than challenger Michael Heseltine, but not enough to win outright under complicated voting rules, Thatcher announced in Paris she would carry on fighting.

But in a stunning U-turn, she pulled out of a second round after cabinet ministers advised her she could not win. That left the way open for Major - who had stayed out of the first round - to win.

Major needs to win a majority of the votes of the Conservatives' 329 MPs to be re-elected. Under the party's complicated election rules, the total of his votes must also be 15 percent more than those for his nearest rival.

Members of parliament said Redwood's decision had dramatically increased the chances of a re-run of 1990.

They reckon that if 100 MPs vote against Major or abstain he will have failed to secure the resounding vote of confidence he is seeking and will probably have to bow out, fatally wounded.

Speculation on who could emerge as a challenger in the second round centred on Heseltine, now Trade Secretary in Major's cabinet, and right-wing Employment Secretary Michael Portillo. Both of them pledged their loyalty to Major yesterday.

High street bookmakers Ladbrokes mirrored the speculation, cutting the odds on Major winning the leadership to 4/5 from 2/5. The odds on Redwood's chances of winning were cut dramatically to 6/1 from 16/1 earlier in the day.

## Haiti election sinks into chaos

PORT-AU-PRINCE (AP) - Elections intended to show that Haiti is marching toward democracy deteriorated instead into chaos that highlighted how far the country still has to go.

Confusion, disorganization, protests and death threats in the first balloting in nearly five years kept hundreds of thousands of Haitians from voting in local and legislative elections Sunday.

Many polling stations failed to open on time, or at all.

Voting continued yesterday in the country's north at some remote stations that hadn't opened until Sunday afternoon or evening, radio reports said.

The vote was relatively peaceful and there were only scattered reports of violence. However, a community polling office responsible for a number of precincts was gutted by fire yesterday in the capital suburb of Kenscoff, destroying an unknown number of marked ballots.

Haitian police said they arrested 36 people around 2 a.m. following the attack on the office by alleged members of the center-left National Congress of Democratic Movements.

Witnesses said that the attack occurred when congress members accused polling officials of using fraud to favor the President.

Jean-Bertrand Aristide's Lavalas Platform.

At least one person, an election official, was wounded when he was struck by a machete. The extent of his wounds and his condition were not immediately known.

Scorched ballots were still scattered in the street at mid-morning.

The chaos surrounding the elections - the first since a US-led force returned President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to power after a military coup - raised questions about whether Haiti can hold a free and fair presidential election later this year.

In any case, the elections seemed likely to produce a parliament whose legitimacy would be questioned by losing candidates - the last thing Haiti needs as it tries to build and bolster democracy.

"It is an understatement to say that these elections have been badly organized," said Michel Soukar, a prominent Haitian historian. "They should be held again, but this time with administrative and technical competence."

## EU leaders start summit on employment, Bosnia

PAUL TAYLOR  
CANNES

EUROPEAN Union leaders heard calls for action to fight unemployment, and an original idea for the name of a future European currency, when they began a semi-annual summit in this French Riviera resort yesterday.

The leaders arrived in brilliant sunshine at a beachfront conference centre used for the annual Cannes film festival and climbed the giant staircase graced last month by Sharon Stone and Gerard Depardieu.

French President Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor Helmut Kohl broke with protocol to wade into a cheering crowd like film stars as anxious security men wrestled with photographers.

But British Prime Minister John Major, fighting for his political life against Euro-sceptics in his Conservative party, arrived late just as former cabinet member John Redwood announced he would challenge for the party leadership.

Major was delayed by a London ceremony marking the United Nations' 50th anniversary.

On the summit agenda itself, Swedish Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson told reporters:

"People want to feel the EU is doing something to improve the conditions in their life, that they see the possibilities with the EU to fight unemployment."

Sweden, Finland and Austria were attending their first summit as members of the EU. The 15 leaders will get a foretaste of the EU's crowded future today when 11 East European and Mediterranean candidates for membership join them for talks.

European Parliament President Klaus Haensch appealed to the summit leaders in an opening address to launch immediately the first of a series of job-creating transport programs they approved in principle last year.

"Six months ago in Essen, you selected 14 priority projects to build trans-European networks. Not one of them has yet started," he said.

The European Parliament expects that this European Council will finally give the go-ahead for those projects which are ready. It



British Prime Minister John Major takes his place at the conference table after arriving late at the EU summit in Cannes yesterday.

is better to start with three or four of them rather than waiting until the last of the 14 has completed the planning phase and the remaining funding has been secured," he said.

Haensch also suggested that controversy over what to name a future single European currency could be overcome by allowing each country to continue to use the name of its own money.

"People would be able to continue to call their money a franc

in France, a mark in Germany and a guilder in Holland, even if the experts insist on putting 'Euro' in front," he said.

Naming the single currency, due to be introduced in 1999 under the Maastricht Treaty, was not on the Cannes agenda. But the leaders and their finance ministers were due to discuss other preparations for monetary union.

Europe's failure, notably in creating jobs and stopping the

war in Bosnia, loomed large.

But most eyes were expected to be on Major, who called a leadership contest in the Conservative party following months of rows with anti-EU backbenchers.

Major was expected to seek support from his EU colleagues, although he differs with them on several issues and was quoted at the weekend as saying the idea that all EU states would join a single currency at the same time was "Euro-crap". (Reuters)

## More die in Sarajevo fighting

SARAJEVO (AP) - Rebel Serbs pounded Sarajevo and two other UN "safe areas" yesterday, killing at least one person and wounding six others as shells crashed into residential districts.

The heaviest shelling this year was recorded in the eastern government enclave of Srebrenica, with 182 explosions yesterday morning alone. The rebels also bombed another eastern enclave, Gorazde. UN officials said.

The toll added to the 11 people killed and 17 wounded in the 24 hours ending at 9 a.m. yesterday, according to the Bosnian Health Ministry. Four of those killed by shelling and sniping were children.

Serb shelling of Sarajevo and the five other UN "safe areas" in Bosnia has increased since NATO air strikes last month and the June 15 launch of a government offensive to break the Bosnian Serb siege.

Treatment of UN peacekeepers by both sides also has deteriorated, while diplomats and politicians try to determine whether the 23,000-man force should continue its mission.

As French peacekeepers yesterday patrolled the only road into Sarajevo, government troops robbed them and Bosnian Serbs harassed them, UN officials said.

US Vice President Al Gore said premature withdrawal of the UN force could bring "horrific" bloodshed to Bosnia and should be avoided.

A new rapid reaction force of up to 12,000 soldiers is beginning to arrive in Bosnia. But the force's mission remains clouded by the complexities of the war, and withdrawal of the UN mission remains an option.

## Germany readies jets for Bosnia

BONN (Reuters) - Chancellor Helmut Kohl broke a 50-year taboo yesterday and decided to send German military might, spearheaded by Tornado fighter jets, abroad to support the UN peacekeeping mission in Bosnia.

The cabinet, eager to show solidarity with its European and NATO allies, agreed to provide fighter aircraft, transport planes and medical personnel to back the United Nations' new rapid reaction force in ex-Yugoslavia.

But Defense Minister Volker Ruehe reiterated that Germany would not send ground troops to an area where Nazi soldiers fought during World War II.

"If we put ground troops into Bosnia, we would be part of the problem and not part of the solution," he said.

The lower house of parliament, the Bundestag, still has to approve the deployment.

## Chinese blamed for hijack of Singapore freighter

PHNOM PENH (Reuters) - A Cambodian businessman yesterday accused renegade Chinese army officials of hijacking a Singaporean-owned freighter at the weekend, saying this was not the first such incident.

The *Hye Mieko*, a 1,055 gross registered ton freighter, left Singapore on June 21 for Cambodia's Kas Kong port, where it was due to arrive last Saturday.

The hijacked freighter with a \$2 million cargo and 14 crew being taken towards Chinese waters had covered the Singapore-Cambodia route often enough for pirates to

know when to strike, its owner said yesterday.

The *Hye Mieko*, laden with cigarettes and photographic equipment, left Singapore on June 21 for Kas Kong. Radio contact was lost Friday at 10 p.m. in waters notorious for piracy.

"The Chinese government would not allow this to happen, but it's a misuse of Chinese government facilities," Phu Kok An, owner of the Anco Brothers Company, told a news conference.

Anco is the Cambodian partner of Singaporean export-import business SUTL Corporation,

which hired the *Hye Mieko* to carry its cargo to Cambodia.

"*Mieko* has taken that same route at least 10 times this year. They knew the goodies were coming," said William Tay, owner of the freighter.

Tay said he last spotted the Panama-flagged *Hye Mieko* off Vietnam at 10:20 a.m. on Sunday from the air, in a plane he hired.

"We were circling the Gulf of Thailand on Saturday and couldn't find it," he said. "... on Sunday, we started off from Pochentong in Phnom Penh and saw it."

"Another ship was following

closely behind and it is controlling my ship," he said. Tay said it looked like a Chinese patrol boat.

Chinese Foreign Ministry officials, reached by telephone in Beijing, declined to comment, saying the situation was evolving and that Tay's report of involvement by a Chinese vessel was "hypothetical".

The *Hye Mieko* and the other ship were off the Vietnam coast in the South China Sea, just south-east of Ho Chi Minh City at 109 degrees east and 10 degrees north when Tay spotted it.

## China, Russia snipe at West

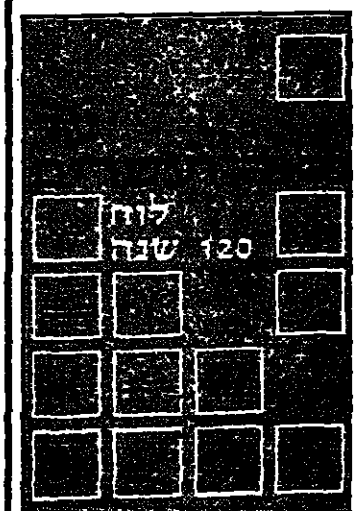
MOSCOW (Reuters) - China and Russia, gradually overcoming decades of Cold War rivalry, issued a veiled attack on the West yesterday, saying they did not need help in overcoming their problems.

The prime ministers of the two huge neighbors, whose meeting in Moscow reflects a gradual thaw in once-frosty ties, did not mention the West directly.

But both appealed to other states not to interfere in what they called their domestic issues - an oblique reference to a series of recent disagreements with United States and Europe.

"Russia and China are big countries in the world and we will not allow anyone to teach us how to live and work," visiting Chinese Premier Li Peng told a joint news conference.

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## A fortunate outcome

IT is fortunate indeed that Egypt's president Hosni Mubarak - acutely aware of the terrorist threats to himself and his regime - was protected effectively on his arrival in Addis Ababa. Had the assassination attempt been successful, terrorism would have won a victory, and the region would have lost a leader who has been a force for stability and progress. President Ezer Weizman, the first head of state to wish Mubarak well on his return to Cairo, was surely speaking for an overwhelming majority of Israelis when he expressed relief and satisfaction that a murderous terrorist plot had failed.

That Islamic terrorists want to repeat their success in eliminating Anwar Sadat by killing his successor Mubarak is no secret. He is their prime target, for the obvious reason that in combatting the Islamic insurgency he has been decisive, tough and effective. Many thousands of Islamic activists are in jail, 700 have been killed by the Egyptian security services, and scores have been executed.

But above and beyond the personal animus the fanatic Islamists feel for Mubarak, whom they yesterday dubbed Allah's enemy, they obviously hope that the assassination of the all-powerful chief of state will cause the turmoil they need to advance their cause. Confusion and chaos are the revolutionary's lifeblood.

If nothing else, the assassination attempt should remind the world of the dimensions of the problem. The lull in Islamic terrorist activity in recent weeks is not indicative of real change. The Algerian civil war, triggered by the possibility of a fundamentalist takeover through elections, has already cost 40,000 lives. Now the Algerian military government is considering letting a candidate of the Islamic extremists run in this year's presidential election.

In Sudan, which has replaced Lebanon as the regional incubator of terrorist activity, the training of terrorists by veterans of the Afghanistan war is continuing apace. For all his expressed concern for Mubarak's well-being, Libya's Muammar Gaddafi is still running training camps for terrorists in his land. And for all the talk of a "strategic" decision for peace, Syria's Hafez Assad is still sponsoring a whole array of terrorist groups, including Hizbullah, Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

In Gaza, despite the ballyhoo about the crack-down by Arafat's forces, the Islamic groups had no trouble mounting a suicide bombing operation on Sunday on very short notice. It was only due to the bomber's incompetence that a massacre was averted.

To state, as Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin did yesterday, that Iran is behind all these activities

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is an egregious over-simplification. Iran is undoubtedly a major player in nurturing the terrorist network, but it could not recruit tens of thousands throughout the Moslem world - which now includes populous centers in Europe and America - had the ground not been fertile for this revival of fanaticism. Nor is Iran the only financier of this movement; it is supported by sponsors and contributors from the US to Saudi Arabia and Pakistan.

The Islamic movement is a phenomenon of historic proportions. To view it as a problem which can be solved by replacing the Tehran regime is to misunderstand its genuineness, power and meaning. To suppose that its manifestations in Gaza, Judea, and Samaria, or among Israeli Arabs, can be countered by raising the rate of employment is to be blind to the intensity of a faith capable of moving millions.

What the assassination attempt in Addis Ababa shows is not just that terrorism is an international problem, as Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday. It is an acute reminder that the unique character of Islamic terrorism must not be ignored. There is no region in the world today where organized terrorism serves as a political weapon the way it does in the Middle East.

What Israel must learn is that one well-aimed bullet can make the difference between the relatively manageable state of affairs in the region today and the chaos of an extremist takeover. Even if the professed desire for peace by today's Arab leaders is genuine, signing agreements with them is worthless if there is no way to ensure that their successors will not be Islamic terrorists.

Unfortunately, such contingencies do not seem to occur to Rabin. Yesterday he found it necessary to use the assassination to take a swipe not only at the Likud but at Labor MK Avigdor Kahalani, who leads the opposition to withdrawal from the Golan. They are living in the past, he said, failing to understand that today's enemies are not Arafat and Assad but fundamentalist Islam, all of whose opponents should band together to fight it.

Leaving aside the ludicrous notion that Arabs will join Israel to fight Islamic fanatics (something Peres envisions when he talks of forming a regional NATO to fight Iraq and Iran), it is difficult to imagine how the relinquishment of the Golan will further the cause of the anti-fundamentalists. If yesterday's event is any indication, the possibility that the feared fanatics will take over in the neighboring states is far from remote. And if they do, Assad's alleged benignity will be altogether irrelevant.

## OPINION



## The security zone trap

IN June 1982, the IDF invaded Lebanon aiming to uproot the Palestinian terror bases there, and got as far as Beirut and the Beirut-Damascus highway.

Why did the IDF subsequently retreat to the south Lebanon security zone (which originally extended up to the Awali River, but was reduced in extent after 1985)?

A number of developments were responsible, rather than a single cause:

- Syria torpedoed the Israeli-Lebanon agreement;

- The international peacekeeping force was compelled to leave Beirut (as a result of Syrian-sponsored Lebanese terrorism);

- The collapse of the "Free Lebanon" front, on which the Israeli strategy to bring about a Christian-dominated "New Order" in Lebanon had depended;

- Intolerable IDF casualties caused by Shi'ite terrorist groups operating under the Syrian aegis and armed with weapons transferred through Syria from Iran;

- The US's policy for solving the Palestinian problem through a peace process which would embrace Jordan and the PLO.

The problem with which the Labor-Likud unity government, headed by Shimon Peres, had to grapple with in 1985 was whether, after the failure to hold the Awali line, the policy of an IDF-dominated security zone in South Lebanon should still be pursued, or all of

AVRAHAM TAMIR

Lebanon quitted, once security arrangements had been made with its government, with Syrian approval.

This latter alternative, which could have been achieved, would have required basing the security of Galilee on a strong regional defense system, and on occasional cross-border operations. (The se-

### The government mustn't talk peace with Syria until Assad stops Hizbullah terror

curity zone in any case is not broad enough to stop artillery fire hitting Galilee villages.)

IT QUICKLY became apparent that cross-border operations would have to be stepped up; that Shi'ite terrorism had found a foothold even inside the security zone; and that Galilee towns and villages had fallen hostage to Hizbullah's attempts to prevent the shelling of its own bases, which were located in civilian communities.

The security-zone concept cost Israel heavy losses, and a huge investment was made to fortify it,

and to equip the South Lebanon Army. To justify it in the face of intense criticism (which also came from senior members of the General Staff), the nation was told it was essential to guarantee the safety of the Galilee communities.

Today, by saying that only a political settlement will solve the problem, the government is playing into Hafez Assad's hands. And that, of course, is just what Assad wants: to use the war of attrition in southern Lebanon to force Israel to retreat rapidly from the Golan and from southern Lebanon.

In return, Assad would grant Israel a peace whose nature is difficult to predict once Israel has withdrawn from the Golan, as long as it is not part of a comprehensive peace firmly anchored in a regional security and economic setup.

Since by admitting its error the government would be endangering its own existence, it has no alternative but to change direction and suspend its peace talks with Syria until Assad deigns to eliminate the terrorist front in southern Lebanon.

Meanwhile, the IDF should be deployed as wisely as possible to paralyze Hizbullah and put an end to its freedom to operate from Lebanon.

The writer, a retired general, is a former director-general of the Foreign Ministry.

## Bold steps

HERZL R. SPIRO

HOW shall we organize the partnership between Israel and Diaspora Jewry to revitalize Jewish life in the 21st century?

New forward-looking leaders like Avraham Burg and Charles Goodman are taking up key positions. Old and venerable organizations may be approaching the end of their life spans in their current forms. But it is vital that a strong structural framework for joint world Jewish action remain.

No one would intentionally reduce the Jewish Agency to the status of a travel bureau, or reduce the role of its assembly to a fundraising rally, without real authority. The Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization have been so much more than that in the past. The forum into which they evolve must grow out of that past.

The Jewish Agency convened its 1995 assembly this past Sunday. The assembly is one of the few worldwide deliberative bodies in Jewish life that has tried to be representative and engage in open, democratic decision-making.

It must be strengthened. With boldness and imagination, it could evolve into a truly representative body: a World Jewish Parliament.

The Jewish Agency has repeatedly declared that aliya and ab-

### For the 21st century: a World Jewish Parliament

sorption are responsibilities shared by all world Jewry. The highest funding priority was twofold: to resettle Jews in lands of distress, and to encourage voluntary aliya to the Jewish national homeland.

Those who are critical of the Jewish Agency surely wouldn't propose that this is no longer a worldwide Jewish goal, but exclusively the concern of Israeli taxpayers. They have paid far more than their share, beginning from the earliest days of the state, and increasing that share as Israel's prosperity increased.

Jews who live outside Israel do not ask to be absolved of their responsibilities to Jews everywhere; nor do Israelis seek to pay, through higher taxes, the \$3b. raised in the Diaspora over the past five years.

A World Jewish Parliament would need to continue worldwide Jewish relief and resettlement in Israel as its primary task in partnership with Israel.

THE NEXT highest priority for the Jewish Agency has been Jewish education and the enhancement of Jewish identity through Israel-Diaspora ties.

Yet not all Jewish education funding needs are best met by sending money to a worldwide Jewish body. Most Jewish education costs are managed locally, close to the programs themselves. Enhancing Jewish identity and education requires a consideration of what types of programs are best operated from Jerusalem, and how to stimulate the sorely needed increases in fundraising.

Those who make the decisions should be the bodies that have the power to implement them. The Joint Commission on Jewish Education is such a body. It could become a vital deliberative arm of a World Jewish Parliament.

New organizations and radical priority shifts may not prove so useful as increased motivation. The key here lies in increased personal involvement by both community and movement/organizational representatives.

Fundraising and allocation for world Jewish goals will improve as those asked to give more become directly involved in projects, and are directly represented.

The Jewish Agency Assembly must find ways to be more and more representative, to involve more and more constituencies, and open itself up toward merging with other world Jewish bodies with the aim of converging fundraising and priority-setting more and more.

The processes by which an ancient people can give form to modern shared dreams can be strengthened. A World Jewish Parliament could show the way to a future worthy of the Jewish past.

The writer is a social/organizational psychologist and psychiatry professor who has served 11 terms as a UJA representative to the Jewish Agency Assembly.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### THE BERNADOTTE MURDER

Sir, - It is astonishingly rare for a man to write a letter to the editor proudly declaring his complicity in political murder. The unapologetic contents of Stanley Goldfoot's letter (June 13) exhibit the depraved hubris of a terrorist, one still convinced that he was a source of historical salvation.

In fact, the UN document that Goldfoot "reveals" in self-justification has been in the public record for decades. Rather than suppressing the Bernadotte Plan, the assassination garnered major international attention and support for it, including that of US Secretary of State George Marshall. It was the task of Israel's newly constituted government to counter Bernadotte's recommendations through diplomatic means, not that of Lehi (or, allegedly, Goldfoot).

to pursue political vigilantism through the Capone-style rub-out of two Swedish UN officials.

We do not know the truth of Mr. Goldfoot's statements. In order that the recently reiterated apology by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres not remain an empty gesture, it is incumbent upon the government and responsible police officials to open an investigation of their accuracy. The historical memory and legal means that have enabled the government to pursue other long-ago murder charges should be brought to bear on the Bernadotte case.

If nothing else emerges from Goldfoot's expressions, they serve to remind us that Baruch Goldstein's more recent act can claim many spiritual fathers.

JOE LOCKARD  
Jerusalem.

### MOVIE RATINGS

Sir, - My friend and I are North American volunteers at Kibbutz Ramat Hakovesh. On June 3, we went to see the movie *The Quick and the Dead* at the G.G. Gil Theater in Kfar Sava at 7:30 p.m. To our great surprise, three children not older than eight or nine plus several teenagers - all not accompanied by adults - were among the small audience. We are appalled that these kids were allowed to see the movie, not only because their giggling, screaming and roaming around the theater were annoying to other movie goers, but more importantly because this film is not suitable for them. If my memory serves me correctly, *The Quick and the Dead* was rated R (restricted) for its violence, nudity and adult language. No children under the age of 17 are allowed in without being accompanied by adults.

Neither the movie posters at the theater nor the advertisement in *The Jerusalem Post* displayed any ratings to any movie being shown. Does the Israeli government believe that all parents here know whether a movie is suitable for their children and kids of all ages can correctly understand the power of guns and the meanings of sex and death? The majority of Hollywood movies are

neither intended nor suitable for young teenagers, let alone children as young as those we encountered.

We believe children in Israel and all over the world would be better protected by a widely publicized and tightly enforced movie rating system, which is apparently lacking or deficient in this country.

RAYMOND KWAN  
Ramat Hakovesh (Houston, Texas).

Adina Hoffman comments: Although the Motion Picture Association of America does assign every film released by a US studio a rating from G (general audiences) to X (children under 17 not admitted), these restrictions are not binding in other countries. Israeli theater owners tend to ignore the ratings and, except in rare, random instances, such as Oliver Stone's *Natural Born Killers*, and Tony Scott's *True Romance*, they will sell a ticket to anyone who can pay.

Information about MPAA ratings is not always available here, but the *Post* tries to provide parents with some indication of a film's suitability for young viewers. This warning appears in parentheses at the close of each cinema brief and with the credits at the start of each movie review.

### SYRIAN PROSPECTS

Sir, - I am not as a rule convinced by Shlomo Gazi's arguments in his articles in *The Jerusalem Post* and by his willingness to surrender slices of Israel to our enemies for the sake of "peace," yet I fully agree with the last sentence - only the last sentence - of his column of June 9, "The real red line": "Security without a peace treaty is preferable to a peace without security."

I therefore fail to comprehend how Mr. Gazi can on the one hand recognize that "the Arab world, including Syria, would be glad to see Israel disappear, given a change in strategic realities (that is to say, given a chance) and on the other hand, practically in the same breath, advocate far-reaching concessions, territorial and otherwise, to Syria.

Elementary common sense would require, even of one whose commitment to all integral regions of Israel is not total, that before giving up any territorial and military positions, Israel should be completely satisfied that Syria no longer yearns, as Mr. Gazi states that it does at present, for Israel's disappearance.

STUART GRANT  
Tel Aviv.

### BEIT SAFABA PLAYGROUND

Sir, - I can endorse much of what Sam Orban says in his article of June 18, "No hate in Beit Safaba," about the forbearance of the inhabitants of Beit Safaba. But he is misinformed as to why there is not a playground in the village.

The Jerusalem Foundation was approached by the *mukhtar* to find a donor for a playground some time ago. We took on the project, as we agreed there is a real need for this facility, and we found a donor willing to pay for it. We agreed sites and drew up plans but after months of delay, we were told that objections had come from local people laying claim to the land.

Our donor remains ready to give a playground to Beit Safaba. We are waiting to be told where.

RUTH CHESHIN,  
The Jerusalem Foundation  
Jerusalem.

## Right's religious tyranny

THERE is a perception that the American Jewish community has become polarized over the peace process. That perception is wrong.

Most American Jews, including a large segment of the Orthodox, want the peace process to succeed. Just as in Israel, however, acts of Arab terror have caused them to grow impatient. They have not yet lost heart. What they have lost is their courage to speak out.

This outbreak of communal laryngitis has nothing to do with the peace process. It neither began when it began, nor will end when it ends.

On the other hand, it has everything to do with religious tyranny.

Over the last two decades, a minority of very loud right-wing Orthodox extremist rabbis have managed to silence their more moderate colleagues, giving the impression that Orthodoxy as a whole has taken a sharp turn to the right. To make matters worse, several of these rabbis were (and are) prominent members of the faculty of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, RIETS, as it is commonly known, a part of Yeshiva University, long the bastion of modern Orthodoxy.

This led to the conclusion that modern Orthodoxy was turning right. In the years that followed, it also led to the creation of a cadre of rabbis for the modern Orthodox who were trained by these extremist rabbis.

Orthodox rabbis who speak out on behalf of the peace process are verbally abused. Their religiosity is called into question, and their legitimacy as Orthodox rabbis is challenged.

This has happened to Rabbi Shmuel Goldin, of Englewood, N.J. Goldin is a rarity among Orthodox rabbis. Like Haskell Lookstein in New York, he will not be silenced.

### SHAMMAI ENGELMAYER

One of the first victims of this tyranny was Rabbi Norman Lamm, the president of Yeshiva University.

Lamm, it has long been said, got his post because the right-wingers in control of RIETS had vetoed a more vocal proponent of Orthodox liberalism, Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, now chancellor of Bar-Ilan University.

From the moment he stepped into office, Lamm knew he had to

### The American Jewish community is not polarized over the peace process

keep a low profile. Whenever he stepped over the invisible line, he was pilloried by the right-wing yeshiva heads. Currently, he is their target again because, as president of a university receiving state funds, he has to provide minimal financial support for a gay and lesbian student group at YU's Benjamin Cardozo Law School. The attacks on him have, at times, been vicious.

WHAT RABBIS such as Lamm and Goldin need are supporters among the Orthodox laity. Unfortunately, that laity increasingly is giving in to a belief all too prevalent in non-Orthodox communities: that the blacker (and larger) the hat, the more authentically religious the person.

Again, the issue is not political. Young Orthodox couples on the Lower East Side of New York see nothing wrong with pushing baby carriages along the streets on Shabbat. They do not do so, however, for fear that they will be condemned by the same rabbis who will not allow them to do what has been done in other Orthodox communities to solve the

problem: build an *eruv*.

Because the lay Orthodox who should stand up for their rabbis do not do so, these rabbis are left out in the cold. Silence and submission become their safe havens.

The "Jerusalem issue" is a case in point. These rabbis know that there is no "Jerusalem issue." Even Mayor Ehud Olmert, addressing the Religious Zionists of America recently, made this clear. Yitzhak Rabin and he are of the same mind when it comes to Jerusalem, he told the RZA.

The religious right knows this, too; but it has turned "Save Jerusalem" into the centerpiece of its anti-Rabin campaign.

The response of the moderates isn't to dismiss the notion of a sellout of Jerusalem as absurd. Rather, at every opportunity, they make reference to Jerusalem as the eternal and undivided capital of Israel and the Jewish people. It is better to help spread a falsehood than be buried beneath an avalanche of invective.

The American Jewish community is not being polarized. It is just that its larynx has been co-opted, and its spine removed.

The writer is the former editor of *The New York Jewish Week*.

## POSTSCRIPT

THE INCH-HIGH plinth marking the spot where Admiral Nelson fell on the deck of HMS *Victory* is going to be removed. The reason is that a number of "constitutionally challenged" visitors have stumbled over it, so officials in Portsmouth, England, have decided that the spot should be marked by a brass plaque instead.

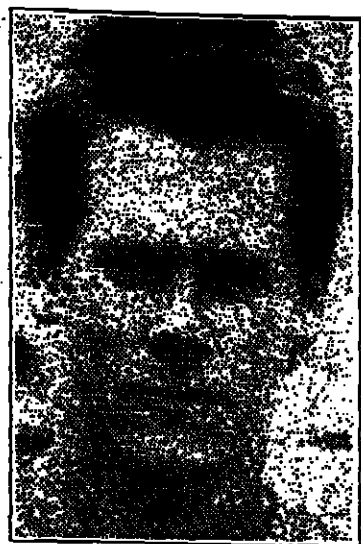
The plinth was once the subject of a joke in a movie, in which an actor pointed to it and said: "I'm not surprised [Nelson] fell here, I nearly tripped over it myself."



YOU could call it the single-bullet theory of Kevin Bacon's career, except it's a fact. He acknowledges it. Bacon's brief part as a homosexual hustler in Oliver Stone's *JFK* tore through Hollywood's perception of him like an armor-piercing bullet. After all, Bacon had been the teen heartthrob from *Footloose* and the romantic lead in lightweight comedies like *He Said, She Said* and *She's Having a Baby*.

In the last few years, he's played such edgy characters as the military prosecutor in *A Few Good Men*, the escaped con in *The River Wild* and now the inmate whose brutalization in prison led to the eventual shutdown of Alcatraz in *Murder in the First* [showing here nationwide].

While drinking a cappuccino with low-fat milk in the mezzanine eatery of a midtown Manhattan hotel, the 36-year-old Bacon still looks lean and boyish. He's reticent, even aloof, not



For 'Murder in the First,' Bacon lost some 11 kg. and was made up with scars.

really warming to the knowledge that his interviewer grew up just a short distance from where he did, only revealing the Connecticut

town where he lives on the condition that it doesn't see print.

At that rate, you'd think he might recoil at the suggestion that his career is on a roll — as if you might be jinxing him. But he warms to that topic.

"Sure," he says. "Yeah, it feels good. I'm probably in a better situation than I've ever been in. My career has had a lot of ups and downs. It's been kind of all over the map."

Movies like *Quicksilver*, *The Big Picture* and *Queens Logic* crashed at the box office. From that down phase, only *Tremors* fared better, but only after the fact, developing a bit of a cult following on video.

"I have this theory that there's times when you are as a person, as you walk down life's road,

the age that you're at, the way you look, the things that happen in your life, birth and death, joy and tragedy, and all those things are directly related to what's going on in your work," Bacon says.

"I reached a crossroads, a passage if you will, three-four years ago when I was in my early 30s," he says, explaining that he got married, had children and made some career changes.

"Some of it was very conscious, but also some of the things just kind of laid in." Bacon feels that his *JFK* role "had a certain resonance," adding: "People just saw something different.... It jump-started my career again."

He wasn't surprised he could play it, because he said that from

the time he began acting in New York, "I've always been drawn to hard-edged, unusual, sometimes psychotic, sometimes foreign kinds of characters."

HE HONED his skills off-Broadway. Born in Philadelphia and reared in the Rittenhouse Square area of that city, Bacon was the youngest of six children. His father, Edmund Bacon, once served as the director of the Philadelphia City Planning Commission.

At 17, he moved to New York to study acting while working as a waiter.

His first notable movie role came in 1978's *National Lampoon's Animal House* (he's the guy pancaked while calling for calm during the climactic parade

scene), then he played the alienated alcoholic Fenwick in *Diner* before zooming to stardom as the anti-in-his-pants-and-he's-gotta-dance city slicker in 1984's *Footloose*.

At this point, though, Bacon no longer feels that he has to distance himself from that or any other lighter roles he's filled.

"I want to have a really good part. I'm just better if I have a good part. If I don't have a good part, I'm just not that good," he says matter-of-factly.

Bacon can display protean qualities, and in his latest outing, he lost some 11 kg., wore a prosthetic eye piece and was made up with scars to depict an inmate deformed and denigrated by his three years in the solitary confinement of a dungeon.

## Bacon's career is sizzling hot

"It's what I aspire to, and it's what I've worked towards," Bacon says. "Because when I thought about becoming an actor, and when I looked at actors I admired, I thought to myself: The reason I want to do this is because I want to be a bunch of different things. It's not because I want to just be me up there on the screen. I have no interest in being me on the screen. I save me for the people that I love. I'm interested in being a spaceman or a prisoner or a bad guy or whatever."

The people he saves himself for are his wife, actress Kyra Sedgwick, and their children, five-year-old Travis and two-year-old Sosie.

He prefers not to talk much about his family life. "My personal life is not all that interesting, to tell you the truth," he said. "I mean, it's kind of a boring situation: Basically, I'm happily married and have two great kids." (AP)

## Now, Michael Jackson and the Jewish problem

SURELY only God in His or Her wisdom knows what to make of Michael Jackson these days.

*HIStory: Past, Present and Future — Book I (NMC)*, Jackson's new double album, includes a first disc of 15 tried-and-true greatest hits plus a second of 15 new recordings. The latter seems to be an effort both at catharsis and name clearing in the wake of the child-molestation civil lawsuit that was settled out of court last year.

Most critics are having a great time skewering disc 2. But it's not at all bad. There is a reason that buyers here, for example, caused the double album to go gold (20,000 sold) within two days.

Only one song, "Childhood" (the theme from *Free Willy 2*), is totally nauseating, a Streisand-esque schmaltzation that pleads: "Before you judge me, try hard to love me. Look within your heart and ask/Have you seen my Childhood?"

Otherwise, most of the CD zips along with killer grooves that make one think of hordes of barefoot dancers hopping adeptly between crashing bamboo poles. This formula caused "Scream," a duet with sister Janet, which is the first single, to enter *Billboard's* charts at No. 5.

The moody "Stranger in Mos-

### NEW RELEASES

TIRZAH AGASSI

cow" is downright beautiful, and his parting shot using the well-known song "Smile," composed by Charlie Chaplin, is likely to touch those who — like Steven Spielberg and Elizabeth Taylor, who give character references in the discs' accompanying booklet — think that there might be injustice in the mass assumption that Jackson is indeed guilty of sexual misconduct.

Most of the music tends to wash over the listener in such a wave that there isn't much room left for figuring out the lyrics. These are, of course, controversial to the max, the biggest attention getter being "They Don't Care About Us," which features the notorious lines: "Jew me, sue me, everybody do me/Kick me, like me, don't you black or white me."

Jackson, who claims to have been totally misunderstood, has since apologized to the Jewish community and promised that a written apology and explanation will be included in all albums of *HIStory* that have not yet been shipped. A new, reworded version of the song will be quickly recorded and substituted.

In fact, Jackson has gotten so cozy with the Anti-Defamation League that he has agreed to star in a huge concert dedicated to fighting antisemitism. Some Israeli artists may also participate. Who knows — perhaps that may be the forum in which Jackson informs the world that his affection for Jews goes beyond having best friends like Spielberg and Jewish convert Taylor?

If an article in the May 26 edition of London's *Jewish Chronicle* is correct, Jackson may even have Jewish relatives, by marriage.

According to the article (which was widely quoted in the Hebrew press here), Jackson's father-in-law Elvis Presley was a halachic Jew. Sid Schaw, the proprietor of a shop called Elvisly Yours, is quoted as saying that during the '60s, Elvis confided to his personal hairdresser Larry Geller that his mother Gladys (nee Mandel) was Jewish.

Could father-in-law Presley's resurrection as a Jew actually upstage the *HIStory* promotional trailer, a mind-boggling extravaganza featuring a goose-stepping Hungarian army and hordes of fans adoring Jackson with hysteria befitting obedience to a Führer? The video was so offensive that MTV Europe censored it, trimming it by half.



'Scream,' a duet with sister Janet, was an instant hit but didn't get the attention of the allegedly antisemitic and indubitably catchy 'They Don't Care About Us.'

## She can't stop loving dance

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

CHOREOGRAPHER Ania Brud is bubbling on about her private and professional lives when one question stops the conversation short.

It refers to the injury which ended Brud's career as a dancer.

"I'd rather not talk about it," says the 30-year-old veteran of the Israel Ballet, Batsheva and Bat-Dor.

"The stage is a virus which has no cure. When I see a good performance on the stage, I'm happy and excited because I'm very romantic in nature, but I also want to be up there with the other dancers."

Brud is not a complainer, however, and while it doesn't fill the void, she has made the shift from being on the stage to being behind it.

Her work *Head of the Shoe* premieres tonight at the Bat-Dor Theater in Tel Aviv.

Brud, who was born in St. Petersburg and moved here with her family when she was very young, studied dance both locally and in New York. She then danced for a short period with the Israel Ballet and was a visiting dancer with the Batsheva Dance Company before joining the Bat-Dor Dance Company at the end of 1986 as a leading soloist.

Brud began choreographing when she tried to expand her love of drawing into a third dimension.

"I was always drawing and painting and I thought that I would like to draw a little bit on stage too, with living human beings, to draw a living creation."

She has been creating occasional dance works for the Bat-Dor summer workshop and in her own ballet studio, which operates at the WIZO Miami Beach Community Center in Ramat Gan.

*Head of the Shoe* is a work for eight performers, two major characters and six supporting ones. The 18-minute opus, which is accompanied by the music of Dead Can Dance, was created in the studio with the dancers.

"I come to the first rehearsal with a basic idea and a specific direction I want to go to, but I work a lot with the dancers. I never know in advance how the work will culminate."

## Kids capture 'Billy the Kid,' difficult rhythms and all

A stage crowded with enthusiastic 11- to 18-year-old musicians — the New England Conservatory Youth Symphony from Boston, conducted by Aaron Kula — was a singularly enjoyable sight.

Moreover, they sounded as exuberant as they looked.

The frequently shifting, capricious rhythms of Copland's *Billy the Kid* were taken in their stride, without seeming to pose any problem. The orchestra's remarkable capacities might have been better displayed in a less demanding but equally pleasing work than Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.

A movement of Mendelssohn's Octet was played as a tribute to the memory of Oded Shur, the former principal of the Jerusalem Rabbin Academy's High School.

YMCA Auditorium, June 20.

Ury Epstein

THE FINAL concert/lecture of the series entitled "In the Con-

text of Their Own Time," run by Tomer Lev in his triple capacity of pianist, lecturer and series editor, presented an altogether off-the-beaten-track program: a forgotten composer — Ludwig Thuille — and well-nigh unknown works by two of the best-known ones, Gustav Mahler and Richard Strauss.

What this selection set out to demonstrate was the capriciousness and changeability of history's verdicts: Thuille was given preference over his colleague Mahler, of almost the same age, in a coveted Viennese competition for chamber works, only to be subsequently doomed to oblivion, while the prizewinning Quartet Movement by the eventually world-famous Mahler was hardly ever performed again.

There was nothing dusty about these forgotten but in many ways inspired and fascinating works' immensely fresh and exuberant rendition by Nitzai and Hillel Zori, Kati Debreczeni, Lilah Le-

vanon and Lev.

Jerusalem Music Center, Mishkenot Sha'ananim, June 15.

Ury Epstein

A SHORTCUT from the appetizers to the desserts, without any main dish — this seemed to be the formula of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra's Subscription Concert No. 6, with Sergiu Comissiona conducting a selection of so-called popular classics.

Sergiu Schwartz, soloist in Wieniawski's Violin Concerto No. 2 and Saint-Saens's Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso, displayed an easy flow of notes, produced with a shallow tone. The melodious passages of the Wieniawski concerto did not really sing, while the virtuosos ones sounded more nonchalant than brilliantly polished.

Comissiona obviously felt in his element in the concluding Romanian Rhapsody No. 1 by

Enescu. Here at least he revealed himself as a conductor of drive, energy, tension, subtleties, nuances and pauses.

Jerusalem Theater, June 21.

Ury Epstein

ORIT ORBACH took the Ashdod Chamber Orchestra to a different plateau with her sensitive and evocative rendition of the solo clarinet and bass clarinet in Andre Hajdu's *Truist Melech*, a piece once "owned" by Giora Feidman. It rang of a prayer by one human being to a greater power.

Under Louis Gorelick, the Ashdod Chamber Orchestra sounded much better than in Tchaikovsky's *Serenade* for Strings which was played loudly, obtrusively and without any real sense of style. The orchestra's dry sound was made worse by the dry acoustics of the hall, while the musical interpretation was bland.

Gorelick never tried to conduct; he simply waved his arms.

Hechal Hatarbut Kfar Sava, June 21.

Michael Ajzenstadt

MICHAEL TILSON Thomas and his New World Symphony played a special, somewhat shorter-than-usual outdoor concert in Latrun Thursday. It was brilliantly performed and carried to the thousands in attendance by a quite reasonable sound system.

After a very bright reading of Berlioz's *Carnival Overture*, the orchestra delved with emotion into Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet* Fantasy Overture.

A sense of great drama came with the Symphonic Dances from Bernstein's *West Side Story*, which was brilliantly played: There were about five encores, including a rollicking version of "Stars and Stripes Forever." It was an evening of jubilation and youthful exuberance that ended with a performance of our national

anthem sung by our own Denis Sedov, in army uniform.

The previous evening Tilson Thomas led his youth orchestra in a towering reading of Mahler's First Symphony, a performance of sheer energy and joie de vivre.

Granted, there were some problems, the brass and especially the horns having occasional difficulties. But Tilson Thomas managed to shape a very exciting performance in which he was serving Mahler's music with devotion and sincerity.

Latrun, June 22, Mann Auditorium, June 21.

Michael Ajzenstadt

### TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEKS ON CHARTS	ARTIST	TITLE
#1	1	MICHAEL JACKSON	HIStory
#2	2	BLONDIE	POST
#3	3	MEIR ARIEL	CHARCOAL DRAWINGS
#4	3	ARIK EINSTEIN	FILLED WITH LOVE
#5	NEW	BON JOVI	THESE DAYS
#6	NEW	VARIOUS ARTISTS	HIT MAN 6
#7	NEW	RIKIG GAL	LIVE PERFORMANCES
#8	7	FILM SOUND TRACK	1492
#9	8	RITA	THE GRAND LOVE
#10	4	RAMI KLEINSTEIN	APPLES AND DATES
#11	NEW	ETHNIX	COLLECTION
#12	9	AVIV GEFEN	SHUMKUM
#13	9	ADRIANUS	TALES OF SANCTUARY
#14	12	FILM SOUND TRACK	PULP FICTION
#15	NEW	VARIOUS ARTISTS	POWER DANCE VOLUME 2

Tower Records' top-selling albums for the previous week. RE — re-entry

## Playwright does his depressing rounds in the geriatric ward

### THE WAY TO THE CATS

A novel by Yehoshua Kenaz. Dramatized by Daniella Carmi. Directed by Nola Chitina. Set, Miriam Guretsky. Costumes, Gila Lahat. Herta and Paul Amirson Theater at Wadsworth Salib. Hebrew title, *Boderech el Hahadlanim*.

Yolanda ..... Ruth Segal  
Leon ..... Dalik Wollowitz  
Artist ..... Michael Kfir  
Betty ..... Miriam Nebo

MORE golden oldies. Israeli style, though no sunny senior citizens these.

Instead, there is a pathological load of terminal geriatric cases onstage — alcoholic amputees, dementia, orthopedic and oncology patients, indiscriminately hospi-

talized in the same local institution.

As in many dramatized character novels that string along on a skein of piquant to pathetic slice-of-life situations, the action in this version of *Cats* lacks theatrical dynamism and structural cohesion.

To be fair, colorful enough are characters like Ruth Segal's Yolanda, a femme fatale in sexy, sequin-and-swansdown negligees and chandelier earrings; Dalik Wollowitz's sleazy, unscrupulous orderly, Leon; Michael Kfir's randy and romantic Russian portrait painter; and Miriam Nebo's dotty, deranged Betty.

There are too, in smaller roles,

### THEATER REVIEW

NAOMI DOUDAI

more in-depth performances that rise above the rest of the shallow stereotypes imposed by the trivial tack taken by the text. Thus, Shimeon Yisraeli is touching as an old chair-bound doctor, Salva Nakoura blistering as a bitchy nurse and Mahmoud Kadough compelling as an Arab cleaner with a yen to be a physician.

There is also a brave enough attempt on the part of the actors to weave convincing relationships.

But with the written material supplying little structural support to cement them, the quality and depth of communication far from adequate, the characters remain one-dimensional.

Despite the director's attempt to liven things up with comedy and color, the relationships lead to nowhere, or only to an unwelcome denouement of dismal significance — namely, solitude, emptiness and death.

However you look at it, this is a pessimistic philosophy that tries to reconcile us to the depredations and decrepitude of old age in defiance of today's much-commercialized exhortations to the contrary.

But nowadays, surely even for the physically infirm there exists a bright and brave alternative to resignation and spiritual defeat.

## Five end-of-term dance performances prove fruitful

ALMOST jostling one another with end-of-term performances, dance studios and institutions showed large audiences how good teaching has been here.

Pick of the past week in Jerusalem was the Suzanne Dellal Theater (June 18) involving nine choreographers, five teachers and scores of young students, with surprisingly pleasurable results. The Kibbutz Seminar Dance Department took the stage for a whole afternoon and evening (June 21) at the Suzanne Dellal Theater.

of Ballets" at the Rebecca Crown Auditorium with 100 young participants and a rousing finale to Khachaturian music, choreographed by teachers Tatiana Helemsky and Ludmila Mesh.

In Tel Aviv, Bikurei Ha'tim offered 19 items at the Suzanne Dellal Theater (June 18) involving nine choreographers, five teachers and scores of young students, with surprisingly pleasurable results.

The Kibbutz Seminar Dance Department took the stage for a whole afternoon and evening (June 21) at the Suzanne Dellal Theater.

ater. The earlier show was devoted to works by choreographers about to enter their fourth (graduation) year.

At the Jerusalem Rubin Academy of Music and dance (June 14), something of historical as well as artistic interest took place. Rina Gluck, dean of the dance faculty, presented 12 dance students in a reconstruction of one of the late Martha Graham's early works (1938), beautifully rehearsed and showing the technique which the great choreographer developed for the rest of her career.

Dora Sowden

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## BUSINESS &amp; FINANCE

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 1995

## Bank of Israel: No change in rates

THE Bank of Israel yesterday announced that interest rates will remain unchanged next month.

The move follows a higher-than-expected Consumer Price Index last month that was preceded by moderate indexes since the beginning of the year.

The Bank of Israel said several indicators showed that the economy is overheated, making any rate cut unwise.

According to the central bank, inflationary expectations, as reflected by bond yields in the capital market, have stopped dropping after consistently decreasing since last November.

The Bank of Israel also pointed to a noticeable rise in the money supply — an early indicator of fu-

JOSE ROSENFELD and GALIT LIPKIS BECK

ture inflation — in the past two months. Moreover, the rapid expansion of private consumption and imports and the ever-growing balance-of-payment deficit threaten to fuel inflation.

Based on these indications, the central bank reiterated that the fight against inflation is ongoing and requires persistence to gain long-run benefits.

The Bank of Israel noted its restrictive policy has succeeded, enabling interest rate cuts of 3.5 percentage points since March. Currently, the central bank's daily tender to the commercial banks stands at 13.5%.

Manufacturers Association

President Dan Propper called on the Bank of Israel to lower gradually the exchange rate by four to five percent, adding that the economy can survive with an inflation rate of 12%.

Propper criticized the central bank's monetary policy for failing to contribute to the drop in the basic inflation rate. He emphasized there is no reason why industry should continue to suffer as a result of the bank's fight to reduce inflation.

According to Propper, the central bank must place a greater emphasis on reducing the trade deficit. He urged the Bank of Israel to take measures that will lead to a real devaluation by

changing the exchange rate, reducing interest rates, and decreasing the government budget.

"In my opinion, it is possible to achieve a real devaluation by changing the exchange rate from 2%–2.5% below the midpoint of the diagonal band [of the "crawling peg"] to 2%–2.5% above the midpoint. That is, changing the foreign exchange rate by 4%–5%, not in a day or a week, but over a long period of time," Propper said.

He said the proposed measures will result in an annual inflation rate of 12% instead of the Bank of Israel's goal of 6%–9%.

"Israel will survive with a 12% inflation rate, it's not that bad," Propper added.

## 'Most customers don't know cost of bank fees'

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

on four commissions.

The results of the survey will be brought before the Knesset State Control Committee this morning. Esther Geller-Seban, director of the council, said she plans to ask committee members to instruct banks to publish all commission fees.

The council will demand that banks send letters to customers detailing the fees they charge to customers.

The survey revealed that 60% of the public has no idea how much commission fees the banks charge,

while another 39% said they do not know specific commission fees. Twenty-one percent of those who claimed they knew the size of the fees answered incorrectly — in most cases, customers thought the fees were less than the actual fee. In some cases, the differences reached 800%.

According to the council, the country's three largest banks charge NIS 24 on checks that are returned because they have no coverage. Seventeen percent of the customers thought the bank charges less than NIS 10 while another 14% thought the charges were between NIS 11 and NIS 19.

## Ben-Porat to Ben-Yair: Probe two Transport Ministry appointments

EVELYN GORDON

STATE Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat has asked Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair to consider criminal investigations into two appointments in the Transport Ministry, the Knesset State Control Committee was told yesterday.

One of the appointments was the managing director of Otzar Mifalei Yam, which runs the Tel Aviv Port. The director was appointed after providing false data about his education, which did not meet the educational-qualifications set by law for the job. He also served as director for two other private companies without reporting this to the Government Companies Authority, as required.

In addition, the man gave the company's accounts department a report of the wages paid directors-general in other government companies, in which the figure NIS 12,057 had been changed to NIS 12,957.

As a result, he was paid some NIS 8,700 to which he was not entitled over a nine-month period.

Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar told the committee he had been misled, and agreed that the appointment was a failure.

According to Government Companies Authority representative Zohar Sar, the police have already begun investigating the affair.

The second appointment was an adviser to Kessar, who was a Labor Party member. According to the comptroller, the adviser was appointed via improper procedures, and the ministry was not even able to justify its need for such a post.

The man also claimed to have degrees in economics and in administration when, in fact, he had never finished school, and was paid far more than he should have been, the comptroller found.

Kessar objected strenuously to having this appointment labeled "political." He had never met the man before he was appointed, and the appointment did not have a political context, despite the adviser's party affiliation.

The two Labor MKs present, Ranan Cohen and Yoram Lass, supported Kessar's contention.



Michal Bar-Lev of the printing firm Plastiv receives one of 12 Jerusalem Business Development Center Certificates of Distinction from Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert yesterday at the Jerusalem Municipal Council Auditorium. (Brian Heidler)

## Kerkorian bids for another 4% of Chrysler

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Investor Kirk Kerkorian's Tracinda Corp. said yesterday it was making a \$700 million cash offer for 14m. shares of Chrysler Corp. at \$50 a share, sparking heavy trading in the car-maker's stock but boosting its price only slightly.

Chrysler did not have any immediate comment on Tracinda's announcement, which came only two months after Kerkorian abandoned a \$22.8 billion bid for the entire company.

Tracinda, which currently owns 36m., or just under 10 percent, of Chrysler's roughly 369m. shares outstanding, said the tender offer, which will begin this week, will not be subject to any new financing.

Still, traders and takeover specialists said they were mostly unimpressed by the bid from Tracinda, which in April made a \$55 a share bid for the

entire car company.

It later abandoned that offer, apparently due to lack of financing.

Tracinda's latest offer represents only an additional 3.8% stake in Chrysler. The price was only a slight premium over Friday's \$47.50 closing price.

Tracinda cannot purchase more than 15% of Chrysler's outstanding shares under the terms of the company's so-called poison pill provision of its bylaws.

Chrysler shares edged up 25 cents to \$47.75 on the New York Stock Exchange in very heavy early trading.

"It's not a big story. It just shows that Kirk Kerkorian is still around," one arbitrator said. "If he wanted to own the stock, he could have bought it in the open market."

## Pfizer opens office in TA

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

PFIZER, the US-based healthcare firm, said yesterday the opening of a new science office here.

The company plans to expand clinical development of pharmaceuticals by signing research partnership agreements with local universities and medical centers.

Pfizer said the Tel Aviv office is part of the firm's strategy to expand worldwide development of major new drugs. The company's research and development pipeline is widely regarded to be among the best in the global pharmaceutical industry.

"We believe the combination of the world-class medical research conducted in Israel and our outstanding late-stage candidates make the opening of this clinical science office a truly important event," president of Pfizer Central Research, George Milne said.

"Through this new office, Pfizer is taking the first step in the development of a long-term commitment to conduct vital research activities in Israel.

"We are proceeding with the confidence that Israel will enact laws that protect and encourage medical research here," he added. "However, it's essential that pharmaceutical research innovation — a risky and expensive enterprise — as well as its outcomes, be protected by intellectual property laws that are characteristic of scientifically advanced nations."

## Stock exchange workers strike

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

TRADING was stopped at 12:00 pm yesterday as Tel Aviv Stock Exchange workers staged a strike in reaction to their ongoing dispute with management on a workers wage agreement.

Orders received until 12:15 pm but not processed were canceled, including those on the Two-Sided Index, which did not conclude even one trading round.

Brokers said they had expected a strike, since TASE workers had officially announced a work dispute about two months ago.

TASE general manager Shaul Bronfeld called on the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Workers Union to demand the immediate return of employees.

## Land betterment tax exemption extended for additional 18 months

EVELYN GORDON

PEOPLE who sell two apartments within four years will continue to be exempt from the land betterment tax on both for another 18 months, the Knesset Finance Committee decided yesterday.

The exemption applies to sales which total no more than NIS1.4 million in the four-year period. Without it, only one apartment every four years could be sold tax-free.

The Treasury had asked the committee to extend the exemp-

tion for only six months.

However, Ariel Weinstein (Likud) — who sponsored the original bill — suggested extending it for a year instead, on the grounds that it will encourage people to sell their second apartments, and thereby increase the housing supply and lower prices.

Dan Tichon (Likud) then suggested 18 months — until after the elections — so that the new finance minister will have a chance to express his opinion on the matter.

This suggestion was adopted after committee chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor) threw his support behind it.

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## Fertilizers to make major cutbacks

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE board of directors of Fertilizers and Chemicals, a subsidiary of Israel Chemicals, has decided on significant cutbacks to save the company.

The board has decided to shut down less-making production lines, leave unprofitable areas, and lay off 140 of the company's 650 employees immediately. An additional 100 workers would be fired at some later stage according to the company's recover plan.

The company's board is expected to meet today to finalize the plan. Board members have set up a number of committees to supervise its implementation, which is subject to Kiryat Ata's agreement to reduce the firm's property tax payments.

Fertilizers ended 1994 with net losses of NIS 3.2m. primarily due to the freezing of the dollar rate. In this year's first quarter, the company recorded losses of NIS 16.1m.

## Panel okays sale of 28% of gov't stake in ICL

JOSE ROSENFELD

FOLLOWING Israel Chemical's aborted foreign issue last month, the ministerial privatization committee agreed yesterday to sell 28 percent of the government's 48.5% stake in the company.

The committee authorized the Government Companies Authority to sell the shares either as a single package to a single private investor or as several packages to several investors. It also said the authority could sell shares little by little during regular trading in the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. The authority can use either option or to combine them, the Treasury reported.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat decided at the last minute last month to pull the govern-

ment's ICL international issue of 22% of its shares, after it was unable to attract foreign institutional investors at market value. At that time, Shohat defended the move, citing the need to protect the investment of the firm's existing shareholders.

About three months ago, the Eisenberg group bought a controlling stake of 24.5% of the company's shares. The public owns about 26% of the shares.

The committee also approved a new timetable for the sale of Afidar, a government real estate company whose activities center around Ashkelon. The authority now has until the end of June 1996 to complete the sale of Afidar to private investors.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

**Frozen meat imports to arrive from Turkey:** The country's first shipment of frozen meat from Turkey is expected to arrive in three months following Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsuri's decision to open the market to meat imports from Turkey.

Tsuri made the announcement yesterday during the second day of his five-day visit to Turkey. He said he hopes the opening of the local market to imports from new countries will lead to a reduction in consumer prices and an improvement in the quality of meat.

Galit Lipkis Beck

**Bank Mizrahi is offering an annual 4.75% interest rate, linked to the index, on three-month deposits.** The bank claims this is the best return available for deposits, and reserves the right to stop the offer at any time. The minimum deposit is NIS 50,000.

Jerusalem Post Staff

**Electrical and electronic appliances are back at the top of the list as preferred gifts for Rosh Hashana from employers and works committees to salaried employees, according to a survey conducted earlier this month by 'Ve'adim', the labor relations magazine.** They had slipped to second and third place in recent holiday seasons, it says.

Of the estimated NIS 480 million market for workplace gifts for the new year, one-third will be spent on appliances, including TV sets, cellular phones, fax machines, and even computers, the magazine reports. The average gift per worker will be between NIS 320 and NIS 380.

Martha Meisels

**More politeness in non-chain stores:** Politeness is more likely in private shops in which the owner himself serves the customer than it is in chain stores, according to Am Yafe, Am Ehad, an apolitical movement trying to improve quality of life.

It bases this assessment on material it has accumulated over the past 14 years.

The overall level of courtesy, however, has risen in recent years, the movement said.

Martha Meisels

**The Home Center Chain** reported that it has sold more than NIS 3m. in automobile accessories since entering the sector only five months ago. The chain stocks more than 250 items, from windshield wipers to tires, and says its prices average 10% to 20% less than general market prices.

Martha Meisels

## ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

Patish (foreign currency deposit rates) (26.6.95)			
Currency (deposit for)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	4.000	4.075	5.375
U.S. dollar (\$100,000)	4.025	4.075	5.375
German mark (DM 200,000)	3.000	3.000	3.375
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	1.875	2.000	2.375
Yen (10 million yen)	1.875	2.000	2.375
(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)			
Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (26.6.95)			
CHECKS AND TRANSFERS	Buy	Sell	Rep. Rate
U.S. dollar	3.4421	3.4577	3.4502
German mark	2.9448	2.9523	2.9660
French franc	4.6599	4.7147	4.7328
Japanese yen (100)	0.0050	0.0148	0.0081
Dutch florin	3.4059	3.5593	3.4819
Swedish krona	1.8973	1.9280	1.9107
Norwegian krona	2.5640	2.6054	2.5843
Denmark krone	0.4088	0.4134	0.4081
Swiss franc	0.4788	0.4845	0.4801
French franc	0.5440	0.5528	0.5478
Italian lira (1000)	0.0028	0.0029	0.0028
Canadian dollar	2.1443	2.1789	2.1598
Australian dollar	2.1945	2.1988	2.1920
S. African rand	0.0108	0.0238	0.0168
Belgian franc (10)	1.0338	1.0503	1.0412
Austrian schilling (10)	3.0588	3.0698	3.0420
Israeli shekel (100)	1.8177	1.8471	1.8301
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.3710
Spanish peseta (100)	3.9181	3.9813	3.9443
Israeli pound	4.8178	4.8554	4.8362
Israeli new shekel	2.4407	2.4801	2.4588

\* These rates vary according to bank.

\*\* Bank of Israel

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI



**Key Representative Rates**

US dollar	NIS 2.0699	-0.17%
Sterling	NIS 4.7333	-0.43%
Mark	NIS 2.1367	-0.68%

**NEW YORK STOCK MARKET**

**New York market indexes**

DJ Industrial	5,700.00	-0.15%
DJ 30	3,000.00	-0.15%
DJ 100	1,000.00	-0.15%
NYSE Composite	2,500.00	-0.15%
NYSE Midcap	1,500.00	-0.15%
NYSE Smallcap	500.00	-0.15%
S&P 500	1,000.00	-0.15%
AMEX	100.00	-0.15%

**Other stock market indexes**

FTSE 100	2,500.00	-0.15%
Nikkei 225	15,000.00	-0.15%
DAX	3,000.00	-0.15%
HSE	1,000.00	-0.15%

**Israeli stocks in NY**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Israeli stocks in Tel Aviv**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Israeli stocks in London**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Israeli stocks in Frankfurt**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Israeli stocks in Paris**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Israeli stocks in Rome**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Israeli stocks in Athens**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Israeli stocks in Moscow**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Israeli stocks in Beijing**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Israeli stocks in Hong Kong**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Israeli stocks in Singapore**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Israeli stocks in Tokyo**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Israeli stocks in Seoul**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Israeli stocks in Taipei**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Israeli stocks in Manila**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**TEL AVIV STOCKS**

**Multi-sided trading**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Commercial Banks**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Mortgage Banks & Finance**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Financial Institutions**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Insurance**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Trade & Services**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Investment Companies**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Oil Exploration**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Industrials**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Real Estate**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Technology**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Healthcare**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Consumer Goods**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Automotive**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Aerospace**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Telecommunications**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Media**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Energy**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Utilities**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Government**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Foreign**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Commodities**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Options**

**Two-sided trading**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Afternoon**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Morning**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Volume**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Price Change**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Share**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
DISC	10.00	-0.15%

**Index**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
ELI LILLY	50.00	-0.15%
PARAL	20.00	-0.15%
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**Market**

TEVA	100.00	-0.15%
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## Smashnova in early Wimbledon exit

ORI LEWIS at WIMBLEDON and agencies

ISRAEL'S interests at Wimbledon '95 were all but ended yesterday afternoon when Anna Smashnova and lucky losers entry Eyal Erlich both lost in the first round.

While Smashnova's entry into the tournament had been expected, Erlich's inclusion was a bonus, as he was informed only 30 minutes before the start of play that he would be taking the place of Czech Martin Damm, who was unable to play Germany's Arne Thoms.

Although he played well in the qualifying tournament last week, Erlich's form yesterday was not enough to beat the tough German, who ran out a 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 winner in one hour and thirty-two minutes.

Erlich held his own in the first set of the match until he was broken in the seventh game. After that it was all over.

Thoms, a qualifier ranked 143 in the world and a winner of the Eisenberg Jerusalem Open in 1994, capitalized on the inexperience and erratic play of his young Israeli opponent, who at age 18 is ranked 261 in the ATP computer.

The 18-year-old Smashnova went down 6-3, 7-6(4) to her Slovak opponent, Radka Zrubakova, 24. Smashnova, ranked 49, played a clay-court game against her opponent, ranked 83, but the outcome was not successful as the bigger, stronger Zrubakova, herself a baseliner, managed to hold her own, while Smashnova made many mistakes in the first set.

Smashnova was very disappointed with her play. "I had my chance to go a long way in the tournament and I didn't take it. This was not a good performance," she said later.

In men's first-round action yesterday, two-time defending

champion Pete Sampras slipped, stumbled and struggled for three sets before serving his way to victory.

Opening his bid to become the first man since Bjorn Borg to win three straight Wimbledon titles, Sampras overcame a stiff challenge from Germany's Karsten Braasch to win 7-6(7-4), 6-7 (7-2), 6-4, 6-1, in 2 hours, 26 minutes.

Sampras was often confounded by Braasch's awkward style, particularly his left-handed service motion — a herky-jerky windup that might seem more appropriate on a playground court or a pitcher's mound.

"He's a pain in the ass to play," Sampras said. "He's a crafty player. His serve is very difficult, very unorthodox. It's very effective and tough to read."

Braasch smiled when told of Sampras' description.

"Thank you," he said. "If everybody would think so, I would be happy. Everybody who plays me, they say they play badly. But I think that has something to do with my game."

Earlier, two-time finalist Goran Ivanisevic served 21 aces as he overpowered Sebastian Lareau of Canada 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.

Fifth-seeded Michael Chang outplayed France's Lionel Roux, 6-3, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

In women's play, 11th-seeded Iva Majoli was the first upset victim, losing 1-6, 6-3, 6-1, to Angelica Gavaldon.

Sixth-seeded Kimiko Date beat

Sabine Appelmans 6-4, 6-2; No. 8 Gabriela Sabatini defeated Lea Ghisardi, 6-3, 6-4; No. 12 Amy Frazier downed Stephanie Rothier, 6-4, 7-5; and No. 15 Brenda Schultz-McCarthy defeated Shalva Bobkova, 6-7 (4-7), 7-6 (7-3), 6-1.

CHARLES HARRIS and agencies

ISRAEL played the role of gracious guests as host Greece defeated the visitors 59-49 last night and dimmed Israel's chances of advancing in the 29th European Nations Championships.

The loss leaves the national team with a 2-2 record and severely damages its hopes of advancing as one of the final four teams from Group A. Israel, which previously lost by two points to Italy, now needs victories against undefeated Yugoslavia (4-0) and Lithuania in its final two games in order to have any chance at all.

Guard Doron Jamchee left the game with a hand injury midway through the second half and Israel's offense ran out of gas down the stretch.

Israel took an early 13-7 lead but the Greeks, cheered on by a 15,000 home crowd, rallied to 13-13 midway through the first half and the match developed into a point-to-point duel where no team took more than a three-point lead.

But two triples five minutes before time by guards George Sigalas and Costas Patavoulas propelled the hosts six points clear (51-47) and the Israelis then dug their own graves with three missed fast breaks and a series of missed free throws.

It was a minor miracle that the club had a chance to win at all as Israel went to the locker room trailing 29-25. The team shot a mere 35% from the floor, making just 7 of 20 first-half shots.

The trio of Doron Sheffer, Nadav Henefeld and Motti Daniel, who had been reliable weapons in the first three games, combined for just 3 for 12 from the field as



MOVING IN — Greece's Panayiotis Yannakis goes in for a lay-up defended by Israel's Ofer Fleisher. Doron Sheffer looks on.

coach Zvi Sherf pondered what to do after intermission.

What made matters worse is that Greece accounted for many of its first half points in the paint as Israel could not stop the oppo-

nents' penetration.

The battering got only more severe for Israel when the second half began as Ofer Fleisher missed an easy lay in. Jamchee and Sheffer followed by lofting

air balls and on the next possession, Sheffer had his breakaway lay-up swatted away.

With a little more than 12 minutes remaining in the game, Jamchee went down and then out as he tried a three pointer and was fouled in the process. After making one of two free throws, he left the game injured and did not return.

The lack of offensive fire power altered Israel's attack and none of Jamchee's teammates picked up the slack offensively.

However, even without Jamchee, who finished the game with a team-leading 17 points, Israel had achieved a minor miracle as it clung to a 45-44 lead with less than nine minutes to play.

The lead would be the last of the evening as the national squad scored just four points the rest of the way and had Sherf wondering what could have been for the second time in four games.

Both defenses were rock solid, often keeping the score frozen for three or four minutes. Greece shot 40 percent and pulled down 36 rebounds to Israel's 41% and 34 rebounds.

For Israel, Doron Sheffer and Nadav Henefeld each sank a meager six points.

For the victors, Sigalas finished with 20 followed by Costas Angelidis's eight, and Panayiotis Yannakis's six.

The club's mark now stands at 2-2 with the nightmare of facing the Los Angeles Lakers' Vlade Divac and the undefeated Yugoslavians at 1:30 pm today (Live broadcast, Channel 1).

In Group B, France secured a quarter-final berth by beating Finland 94-81 with talented Yann Bonato sinking 23 points.

Finnish coach Henrik Dettman

used three different guards in an effort to stop Bonato, but all failed as the young forward penetrated the defense at will or scored from outside with a 66% accuracy.

Finland led 25-15 in the first 11 minutes but the advantage was gone in the next six when forward Antoine Rigadeau sank three triples to help France to a 50-38 first-half lead.

In another Group B match, Spain beat newcomers Slovenia 88-85 with late winners to go 3-2 and look certain to clinch a place in the quarter-finals.

Slovenia, 0-4, recovered from a nine-point first half 49-40 deficit to lead 85-84, 28 seconds from time.

But they then fouled twice against Spanish top scorer Alberto Herreros who converted all four free throws to secure victory and an excellent personal tally of 30 points.

Croatia, with NBA stars Toni Kukoc and Dino Radja, crushed Turkey 90-68.

In another Group A encounter, favorites Yugoslavia crushed underdogs Sweden 85-58 with Miami Heat power forward Predrag Danilovic sinking 16 points.

In last night's Group A late game, Italy faced Lithuania.

### European National Championships

Group A				
	W	L	Pts	
1. Yugoslavia	4	0	2	8
2. Greece	3	2	2	6
3. Italy	2	2	2	6
4. Israel	1	3	1	5
5. Lithuania	1	3	1	5
6. Turkey	0	4	0	4
7. Sweden	0	4	0	4

Group B				
	W	L	Pts	
1. Russia	3	1	1	7
2. France	3	1	1	7
3. Croatia	4	0	0	8
4. Spain	3	1	0	6
5. Turkey	1	3	0	5
6. Slovenia	0	4	0	4
7. Finland	0	4	0	4

## Cork bowls England to Lord's triumph

LONDON (Reuters) — Debutant Dominic Cork bowled England to its first Lord's Test victory over West Indies for 38 years with an inspirational seven for 43 yesterday.

Paceman Cork produced a burst of three wickets for seven runs in 45 deliveries as West Indies, needing 296 to win the second Test, was dismissed for 223 in the final session on the last day.

Cork clinched England's 72-run win with figures of 19.3-5-43-7, the best bowling on debut by an England player this century.

Wicketkeeper Alec Stewart took a share of the individual honors with a brilliant catch to dismiss Brian Lara for 54 as England squared the six-match series at 1-1.

Cork's haul included opener

pitch that posed few apparent problems on the final day.

Cork, named man-of-the-match by former England captain Bob Willis, bowled with spirit and aggression, qualities which epitomized the team's performance as a whole.

Derbyshire paceman Cork started his destruction by tearing out the heart of the middle order, dispatching Jimmy Adams (13), captain Richie Richardson (0) and Keith Arthurton (0).

With Stewart having earlier taken a magnificent one-handed catch to cut short an exquisite innings by Lara when he had stroked 54 from 62 balls, West Indies had slumped from 99 for one to 138 for five.

Lara's wicket was the one England wanted above all else and Stewart did the trick with a brilliant piece of wicketkeeping.

The Trinidadian left-hander had just covered driven Darren Gough for his ninth and 10th

fours when, in the same over, he pushed defensively forward, got an outside edge and Stewart dived at full stretch to his left to hold a low catch in front of first slip.

After Cork cut through the middle order, Gough added the wicket of Junior Murray (9), who was snapped up at short leg by substitute fielder Paul Weekes as he dived to his right.

It was the second catch in that position by Middlesex all-rounder Weekes, brought on because Graham Thorpe was prevented from taking the field on the last day by a throat infection.

Weekes's first catch accounted for Keith Arthurton, whose scoreless innings occupied 40 minutes before he turned a Cork delivery off his legs to the substitute fielder.

Campbell continued to hold one end firm but Cork returned to capture his fourth wicket by having Otis Gibson leg before

wicket for 14.

Cork then was able to remove the last major obstacle in England's path by having Campbell caught behind after the opener had just passed his previous Test best of 88 which he had made against New Zealand earlier this year.

England first innings 283	
(R)Smith 61, G.Thorpe 52, C.Walsh 3-50	
West Indies first innings 224	
(R)Arthurton 75, J.Adams 54, A.Fraser 5-66	
England second innings 338	
(R)Smith 90, G.Hick 67, C.Antrose 4-70	
West Indies second innings (overnight 88-1)	
G.Hooper c Martin b Gough	14
R.Campbell c Stewart b Cork	53
B.Lara c Stewart b Gough	54
J.Adams c Hick b Cork	13
R.Richardson b Cork	0
K.Arthurton c sub b Cork	0
J.Murray c sub b Gough	9
G.Gibson lbw b Cork	14
Bishop not out	10
C.Antrose c Illingworth b Cork	11
C.Walsh c Stewart b Cork	0
Extras (lb-3)	5
Total	223
Fall of wickets: 1-15 2-99 3-124 4-130 5-138 6-177 7-198 8-201 9-223	
Scoring: Fraser 24-5-57-0, Gough 20-0-79-3, Illingworth 7-4-0-0, Martin 7-0-30-0, Cork 19-3-43-7	
Result: England won by 72 runs	
First Test: West Indies won by nine wickets	

## Farewell Paddy, we'll miss you

LAST Saturday, one of the most distinguished and influential careers in radio sports broadcasting came to an end when Paddy Feeny, presenter of the BBC World Service *Sportsworld* program, bade his eager listeners farewell for the very last time.

For the 36 years that Feeny has been in the anchor role, he has been the lifeline to all millions of fans who have not been able to resist the compulsion to keep up with British international sporting events.

Yet in his job he was much more than just a radio presenter. Paddy was, indeed, he still is, my friend. I have never met the man, but whenever I turned on the radio on Saturday afternoons to catch up on events, particularly British soccer, cricket, tennis or rugby, I always knew that at the other end was a dear person itching to relay the information to me, not to anybody else, and to quench my thirst for the details.

His program is the only source

### SPORTSWATCH

ORI LEWIS

of information to major sports event as they happen. And Paddy has never treated his listeners in a condescending manner. His light-hearted fast-paced style was always succinct and he always managed to keep the listeners riveted by enhancing the events.

But I must admit that over the past two years or so, my commitment towards the friendship with Paddy has wavered. Since Cable TV has entered my living room and I have been able to watch events rather than listen to them, I have turned less to the radio and to Paddy.

But it wasn't always like that. When I was a lad, away from my English home during the summer months, the only way I could catch up on the Test match back home was through the BBC World Service and through Paddy on Saturday afternoons.

When, at the age of 14 I returned to live here, again, Paddy was my lifeline to a world of sport I had left behind.

But that was over 20 years ago. I have shared many memories with Paddy, most distinctly I remember when Ian Botham was at his most destructive in that incredible English summer of 1981.

Now, in the summer of 1995 Paddy is bidding us farewell after being in charge of *Sportsworld* (*Saturday Special*, as it used to be called) since 1960. That's almost as long as I have been alive.

Ironically, I was in London, just a few miles away from Bush House, when Paddy made his last broadcast from the sports studio. I really didn't need him to tell me what was happening at the Test match at Lord's or at the rugby World Cup final, but just knowing that he is no longer going to be around to tell me what's happening when I am thousands of miles away is a sobering thought indeed.

## Villa signs Yugoslav international Milosevic

LONDON (Reuters) — Aston Villa broke its club record transfer fee for the second time in four days when it signed Yugoslav international Savo Milosevic for £3.5 million yesterday.

The Premier League club paid Partizan Belgrade £1m more for the 21-year-old striker than they did for Crystal Palace midfielder Gareth Southgate on Friday.

Villa, which has spent £11.5m on the transfer market in the past six months, beat Italian champions Juventus, Parma, AEK Athens, Atletico Madrid, Paris St Germain and Borussia Dortmund to Milosevic's signature.

The Yugoslav, who signed a three-year deal with the club retaining an option for a fourth year, scored 34 league and cup goals last season. Milosevic has netted 79 first team goals in the past three seasons plus three in his country's five full internationals to date and has been voted Yugoslav player of the year for the past two years.

### LOCAL BRIEFS

#### Ashdod beats Beersheba in cricket

Ashdod 4, 260/9 (H. Awaskar 65, Y. Satamkar 40, N. Gudker 3/56) beat Beersheba 120  
Tel Aviv 157/7 (A. Moss 40, S. Perlman 39, Y. Satamkar 4/6) lost to Petah Tikvah 56/6 (S. Dokarkar 69, A. Moss 4/24).  
Eleven Stars 102 (D. Blum 3/17) lost to Netanya 03/2 (N. Word 46 n.o.).  
Dimona C 110 (B. David 38, N. Reuben Sur. 3/14) beat Ramla 96 (D. Benyamen 5/32).

#### Ensenberg, Spector win at Caesarea

In the weekend better ball Nassau competition held at the Caesarea Golf Club, Dan Ensenberg and Faith Spector took first place with 62 strokes.

Second place in a Nassau event goes to the team with the best back 9 holes which was the team of Mike Ossip and Rena Gilon with 29 strokes.

Third place went to the team with the best score on the front 9 holes which was Shlomo Avnaim and Hillel Joseph with 30 strokes.

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# Shahal, bank chiefs meet to discuss security

RAINE MARCUS and GALIT LIPKIS BECK

BANK representatives and police yesterday agreed on a number of proposals to improve security at branches and prevent further robberies, at a meeting held in the Tel Aviv office of Police Minister Moshe Shahal.

"We agreed on a number of measures, which will include installing sophisticated electronic equipment, including cameras and emergency buttons, that will connect the branches directly to police stations," said Freddy Vidar, managing director of the Banks Association.

Vidar said that installing such equipment throughout the banking sector would cost an estimated NIS 100 million. He ventured no guess as to how long it would take to install the equipment or implement these measures.

Since the beginning of the year, 40 banks have been robbed, 30 of them in the Tel Aviv area.

Senior police officers have said they cannot station officers outside every bank, and that banks themselves must take responsibility for security.

During yesterday's meeting, Shahal presented a series of proposals, including posting armed guards at bank entrances, and installing closed circuit TV and emergency buttons linked to police stations.

Vidar and other banking officials, however, said they believed armed guards would pose a risk to human life and they would not agree to have them.

Also present at the meeting were

Bank Discount chairman Gideon Lahav, Bank Leumi director Galia Maor, Banks Association director Freddy Vidar and the banks' security adviser, Nissim Barel, Tel Aviv police chief Cmdr. Gabi Last, and other police representatives.

Banks still do not have to apply for business licenses, which would oblige them to implement security measures.

During the meeting, Shahal told the bank representatives they were responsible for stopping this "phenomenon," but police will try to help.

The ministry is expected to prepare and transfer a draft of proposed safety measures to bank representatives, who will be asked to reply with their own suggestions.

In one example of faulty bank security, an armed guard was stationed for 18 months at a Tel Aviv branch of Bank Leumi undergoing renovations, with the tellers situated out of sight of the street.

But when the renovations were completed, the armed guard was dismissed, and the tellers positioned right next to the door leading onto a busy main street.

When asked three months ago, why, after such extensive renovations the tellers were located by the main door, the manager said that the street door would be shortly closed off and another door, leading to a shopping mall, would be used as the main entrance.

To date, the door to the street is still being used.



Police search for evidence in the courtyard of a Bank Hapoalim branch in Jerusalem that was robbed yesterday. (Isaac Harari)

## Two more banks robbed – this time in Jerusalem and Ra'anana

BILL HUTMAN

JUST before Police Minister Moshe Shahal sat with bank heads in Tel Aviv yesterday to discuss the recent wave of bank robberies, thieves held up a bank in Jerusalem.

Police said two masked robbers, one carrying a pistol,

threatened tellers at a Bank Hapoalim branch in East Talpiot and took NIS 30,000 before fleeing towards Sur Bahir.

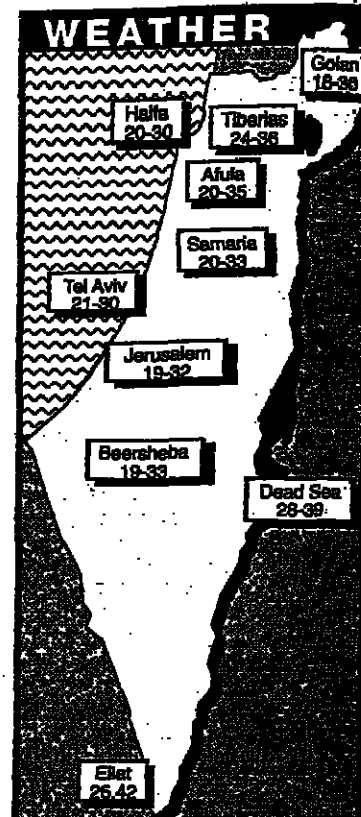
No suspects were detained by police, who noted that the recent

wave of robberies had not been felt in Jerusalem, but mainly in the coastal area.

On Sunday, three banks were robbed in the Tel Aviv area and one in Ashdod.

"We can only hope this [robbery in Jerusalem] was an exception," a senior officer said.

In another incident yesterday, the Ra'anana branch of First International bank was robbed by a lone armed man who took off with NIS 7,000 and fled in a car.



Forecast: Warmer than seasonal norms.

### AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW	HIGH	CHANCE
Amsterdam	12	14	73
Berlin	14	16	73
Brussels	14	16	73
Cairo	24	26	73
Geneva	14	16	73
London	14	16	73
Madrid	14	16	73
Moscow	14	16	73
Paris	14	16	73
Rome	14	16	73
Tel Aviv	24	26	73
Yokohama	14	16	73

### Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the 10 of spades, queen of hearts, seven of diamonds, and jack of clubs.

## Plastics company chief questioned about wiretap of competitors

RAINE MARCUS

THE marketing manager of Supergum, a rubber and plastic manufacturer, was questioned under caution yesterday by the National Crime Squad on suspicion of commissioning wiretapping on competitors.

According to police evidence, Supergum manager Ilan Gesheit allegedly ordered wiretaps from accused wiretappers Rafi Friedman and Ya'acov Tsur on four phones, one fax and two cellular phones of competitors.

One of the competitors whose phones were allegedly bugged, and mentioned in the indictment against Friedman and Tsur, was a buyer at Egged who had stopped using Supergum's services.

Gesheit wanted to find out why Egged had stopped ordering products from his company, and allegedly commissioned a wiretap on the buyer's Ramat Hasharon home phone, a police source said. He also allegedly ordered taps on rival companies, not mentioned in the indictment, in an attempt to discover who

was selling products to Egged.

Meanwhile, a source said yesterday that businessman and arms dealer Ya'acov Nimrodi, questioned under caution on Sunday in connection with allegedly transferring hush money in the media wiretapping case, refused to cooperate with investigators.

Police have two tapes, in which lawyer Moti Katz (also suspected of money-transfer offenses) can be heard implicating Nimrodi.

Yediot Aharonot news editor Ruth Ben-Ari was also summoned to the National Crime Squad headquarters yesterday to listen to tapes containing allegedly illegally recordings of her home phone conversations.

Ben-Ari and the daily's editor Moshe Vardi, themselves suspected of using information acquired through wiretapping, said last week that the Yediot building had been bugged.

But a police source said this was not the case, and there is no evidence to suggest this.

## Survey: Almost 50% of Israelis would contribute to Jewish Agency

BATSHEVA TSUR

SOME 48 percent of Israelis are willing to contribute towards helping Jews in countries of distress, a survey has revealed.

In addition, the survey found that 43% of those questioned would "probably" be prepared to donate money towards neighborhood renewal projects.

The survey was carried out at the request of Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg in anticipation of setting up an Israeli philanthropic fund-raising mechanism.

Burg's proposal, presented yesterday to the agency's Assembly, was enthusiastically received by the delegates and will be brought before the Board of Governors.

The survey was carried out by Gallup in April-June this year, among some 500 Jewish residents throughout the country, the agency's spokesman said.

Burg formally became Jewish Agency chairman in Jerusalem yesterday after he was unanimously elected to the post.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Child drowns in ditch, woman on beach

Four-year-old David Pitero drowned yesterday after falling into a drainage ditch of the laundry on Kibbutz Dvir in the Negev. An unidentified woman drowned yesterday afternoon off a Herzliya beach. A Magen David Adom team called in was unable to revive her.

Andri Rozenblit and Itim

#### Border policemen dismissed for beating Arab

Four border policemen have confessed to beating and kicking an Arab from the territories they picked up on a Jerusalem street Sunday, the Justice Ministry said yesterday. The four have been dismissed, and the ministry is preparing indictments against them.

Evelyn Gordon

#### No-confidence motion said trivial

The Knesset yesterday heard a no-confidence motion submitted by Mokedet over the economic situation of Moshav Dovav on the northern border. The vote is scheduled for Wednesday, but the motion is not expected to pass. Many Knesset members said the motion trivialized the no-confidence apparatus.

Liat Collins

#### Meir Zore'a buried

Maj.-Gen. (res.) Meir Zore'a, who died Saturday at age 72, was buried yesterday in the military section of the Kibbutz Ma'agan Michael cemetery. President Ezer Weizman delivered one of the eulogies. Also attending were ministers, MKs, and past and present IDF generals.

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